

AJIN

DEMI-HUMAN

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Date and Time Unknown





The image is a manga cover for 'AJIN'. It features two main characters. On the left is a young man with spiky green hair and large green eyes, wearing a black shirt and a yellow earring. On the right is a young man with black hair and large red eyes, wearing a white shirt that has some blood splatters on it. The background is dark and textured with black ink splatters. The title 'AJIN' is written in large, stylized red letters, and 'DEMI-HUMAN' is written in smaller red letters below it.

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DEMI-HUMAN

File 01: Detection and Subsequent Actions

Story: Tsuina Miura

Art: **Gamon Sakurai**



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ALL I'M
TRYING
TO DO IS
WORK HARD
SO I CAN
BECOME
A FINE
HUMAN
BEING...



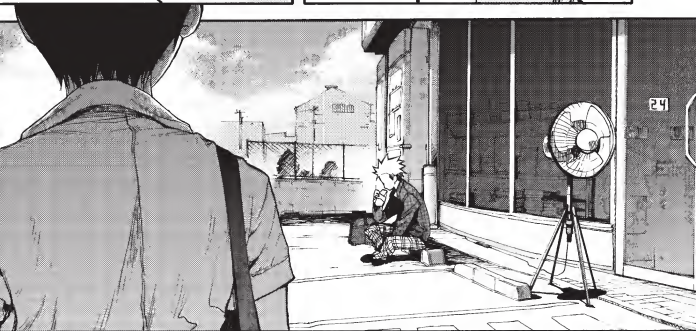
GOD...
WHY'S HE
THE ONE
WHO GETS
TO BE
SARCASTIC?

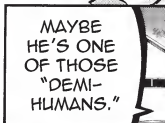


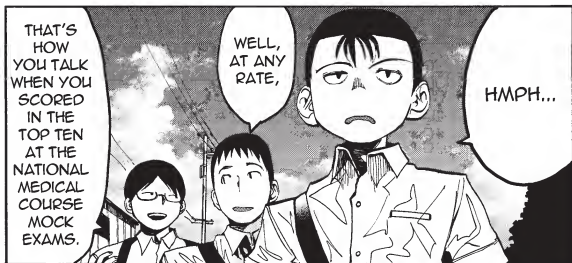
I NEED TO
KEEP MY
FRIENDS,
TOO...

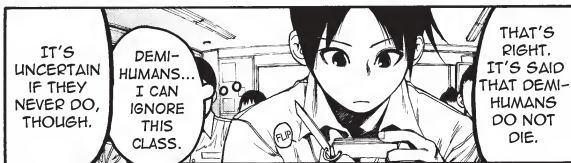
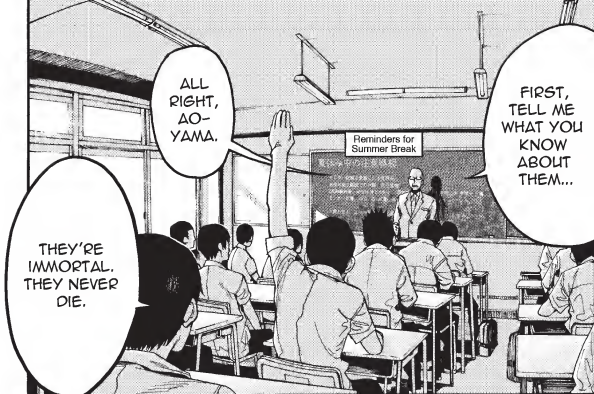


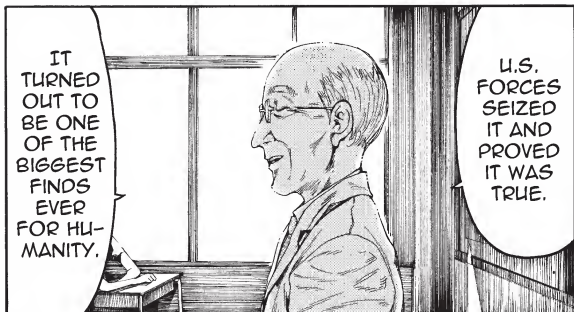
...
WHAT-
EVER.











IT
TURNED
OUT TO
BE ONE
OF THE
BIGGEST
FINDS
EVER
FOR HU-
MANITY.

U.S.
FORCES
SEIZED
IT AND
PROVED
IT WAS
TRUE.



THE
NEWS
QUICKLY
GOT
OUT.

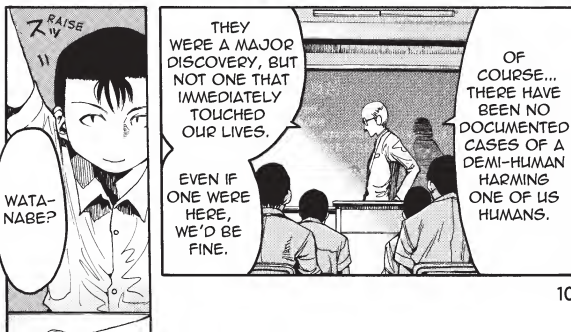
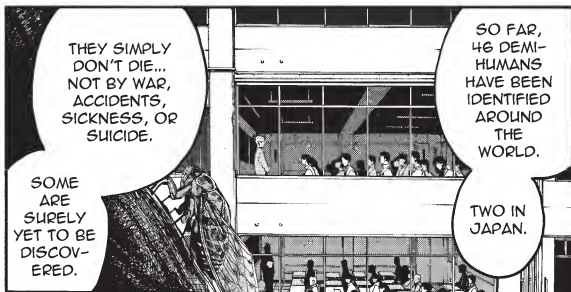
IT WAS
NEARLY
COVERED
UP, BUT IT
WAS TOO
BIG.

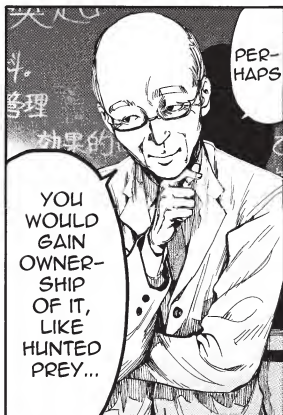


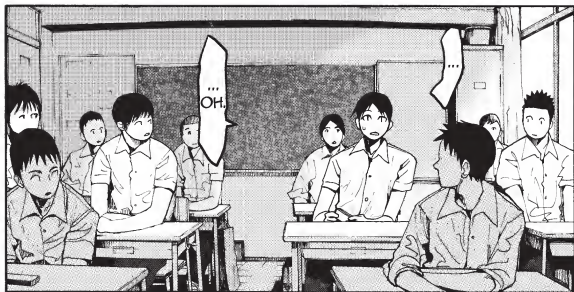
SOME SAID
AN ALIEN
HAD BEEN
DISCOVERED
AND
PANICKED.

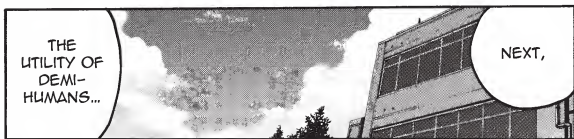
WELL...
THINGS
HAVE
CALMED
BACK
DOWN
NOW.

YOU ONLY
KNOW BY
HEARSAY,
BUT THERE
WAS QUITE
AN UPROAR
AT THE
TIME...







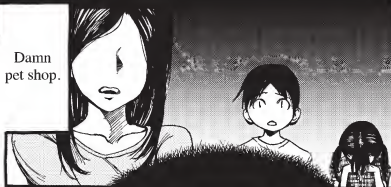




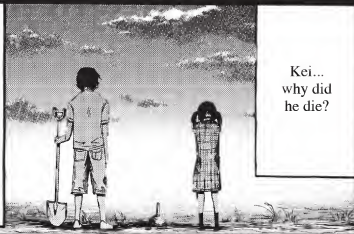
Maybe I
should sue.

Damn
pet shop.

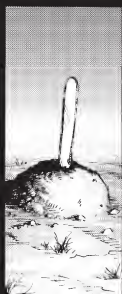
We got
stuck with
defective
merchandise.



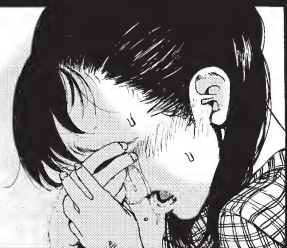
It
couldn't
be
helped...
He was
sick.



Kei...
why did
he die?



Why?



You die
if you're
defective?

...



Don't
worry
!



Of course
not!

Come to
think
of it...



*Why do
we die?*



not like
we need
to die...



It's
...



to
die
...

we
need
...

Not
like
...

Who are
you?



you
...

Who
are
...

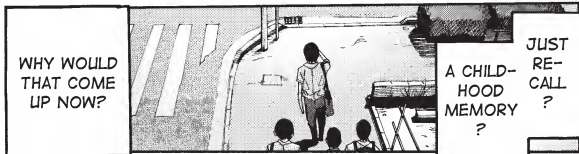
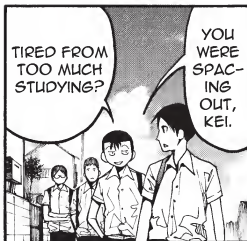


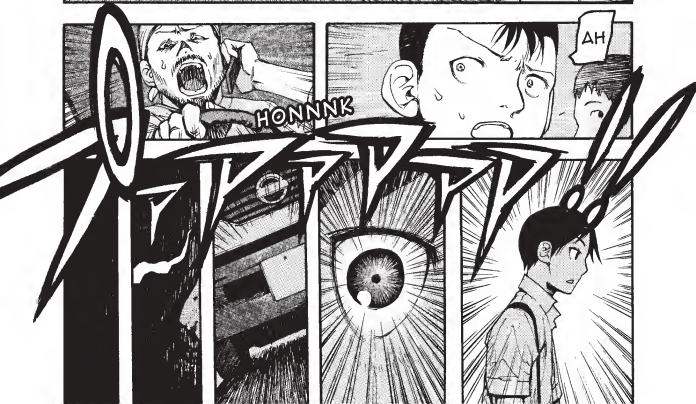
...Who are
you?



NAGAI
?

...





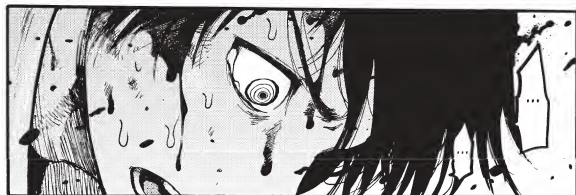
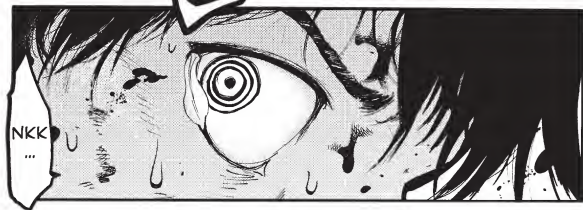
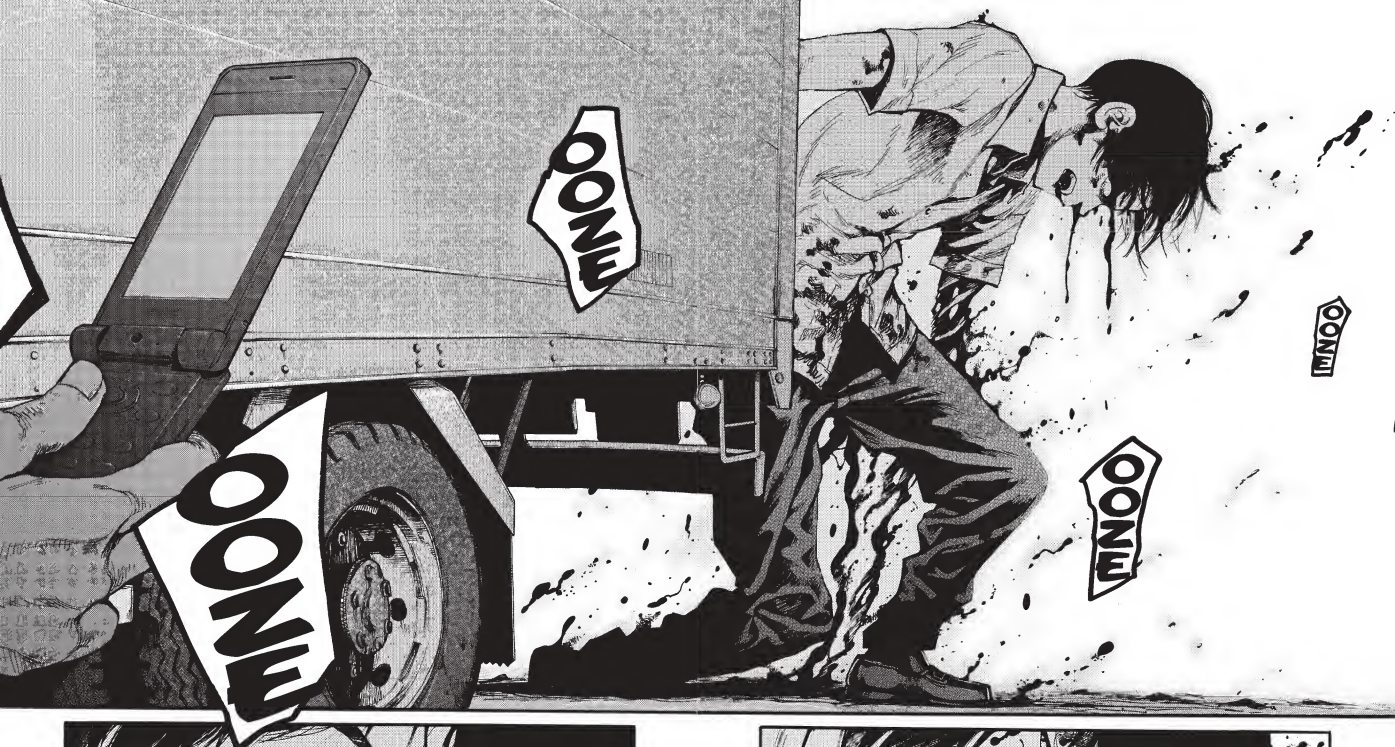


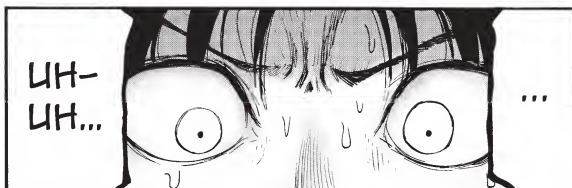
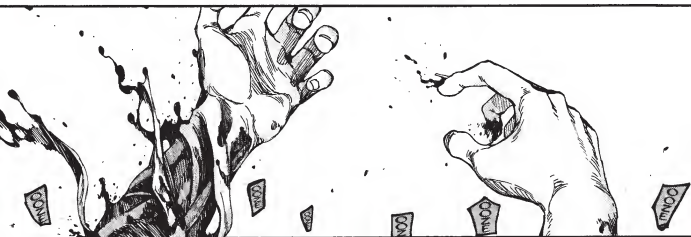
HAS
SOMEONE
CALLED
FOR AN
AMBUL...

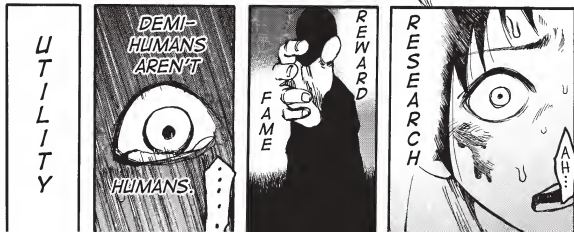
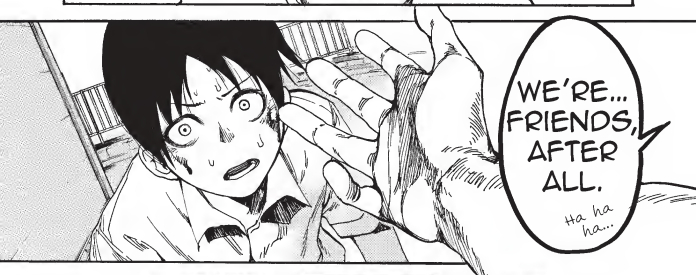
I
MEAN,
THE
COPS
YET?

BE MY
WIT-
NESS!
THAT
IT WAS
THE
BRAT'S
FAULT,
NOT
MINE!!

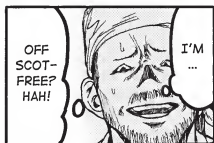


















IF THEY DO ?!

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME IF THEY DO?

I CAN'T LET THEM CATCH ME... CAN'T...

THEY'LL RESEARCH ME UNTIL I DIE!!

AND WHEN WILL I EVEN DIE?!

RESEARCH!! RESEARCH!! RESEARCH!!

PANT

PANT

PANT



AND
WHEN'S
THAT
EVEN
GOING
TO BE?!

THEY'LL
TREAT ME
LIKE AN
ANIMAL
UNTIL
THE DAY
I DIE!!

I
CAN'T
LET
THEM
CATCH
ME!



THAT WAS
CLOSE...
THE PEOPLE
TRYING
TO FIND
ME ARE
PROBABLY
CALLING IT.

I
NEVER
TURNED
THE
POWER
BACK
ON...



NO
!!



NO
...



CAN'T
CALL
HOME!
POLICE
MUST
BE
THERE.



DO I
ASK
FOR
HELP
?!



Kei?



What
is it,



It
doesn't
matter!
I just
wanted to!

Kai,
I memorized
your cell
phone
number!

Haha,
what-
ever!

Why
would
you do
that?



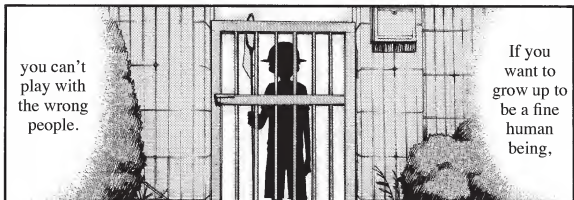
I'm
deleting
Kaito's
number.

Kei, give
mommy
your cell
phone.



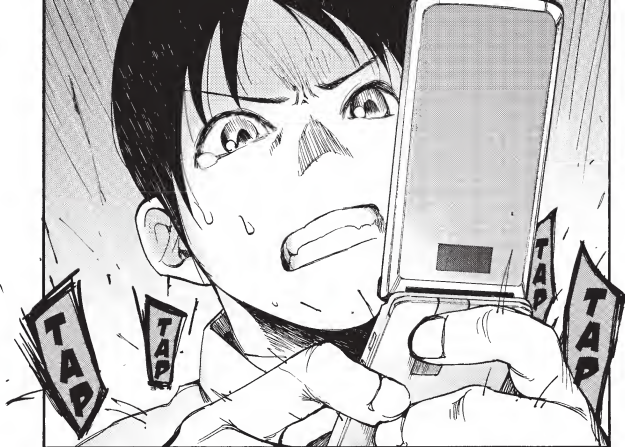
You're not
allowed to play
with him
anymore.

Why?



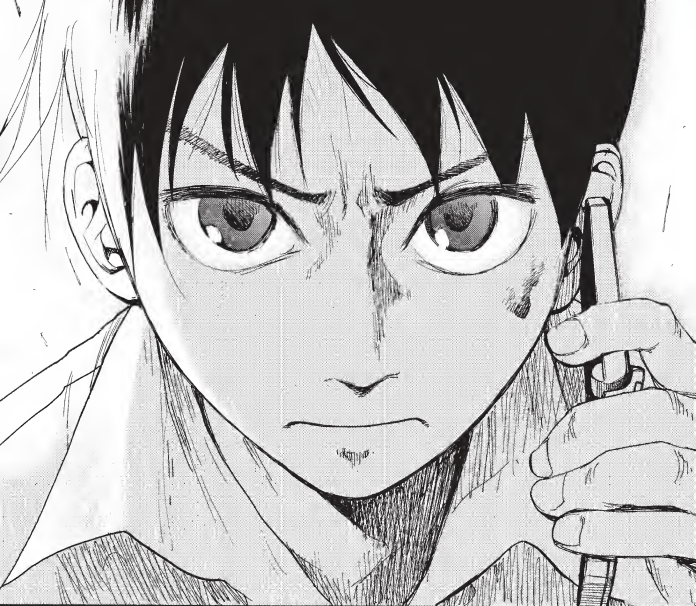
you can't
play with
the wrong
people.

If you
want to
grow up to
be a fine
human
being,



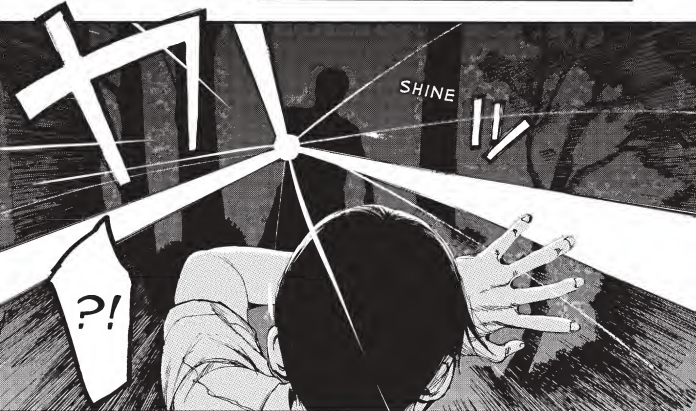






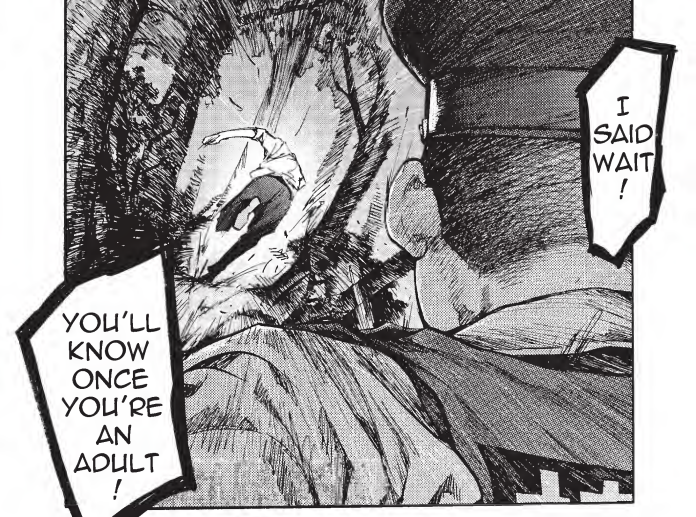


I'LL BE
RIGHT
THERE!









I SAID WAIT !

YOU'LL
KNOW
ONCE
YOU'RE
AN
ADULT
!

WHATEVER!
DOESN'T
CONCERN ME!!

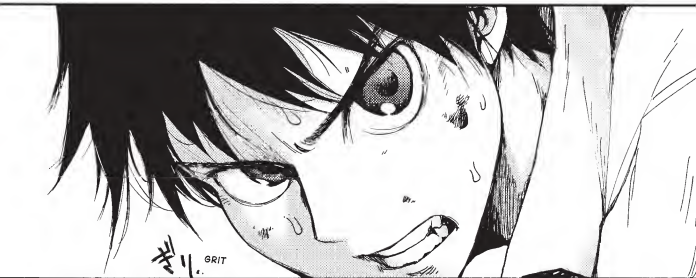
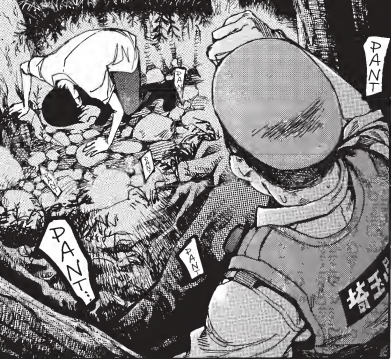
ONE SEC, DO
DEMI-HUMANS
GROW UP?

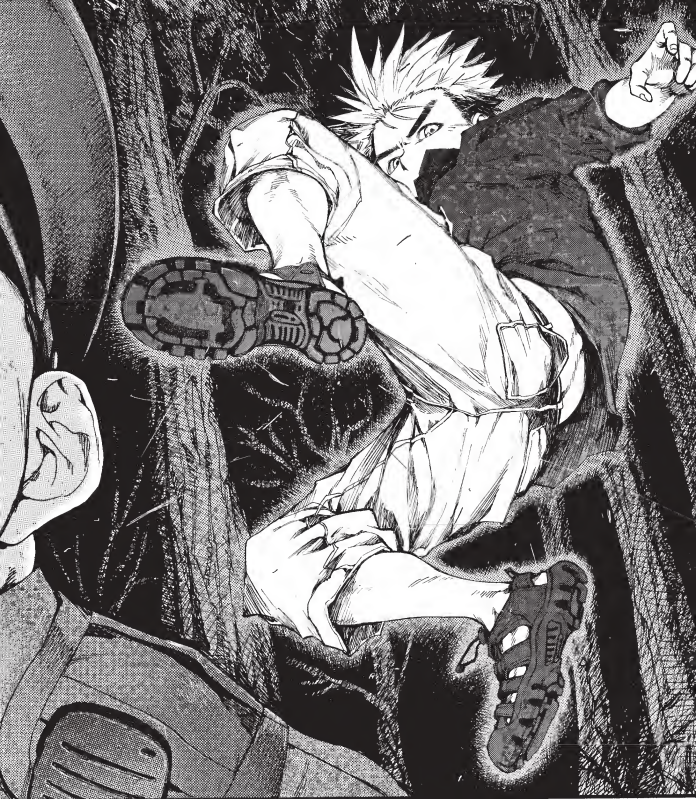
YOU
WON'T
RUN ME
DOWN!!

YOU
WON'T
RUN
ME
DOWN!

カ
TRIP

RUN
ME...







WE'RE
GONNA
RUN!

HE
SEEMS
TO
HAVE A
PART-
NER!!

D-
DEMI-
HUMAN
ON THE
RUN!



YOU
WON'T
RUN ME
DOWN
!!

YOU
WON'T
RUN
ME
DOWN
...





RUN
ME...



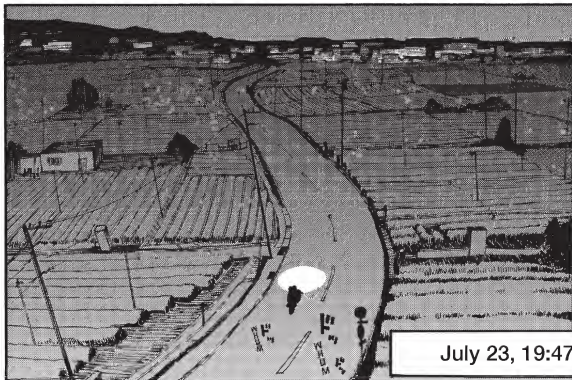
BA-
DUMP



Y-
YUP.

KEI!
DON'T
STOP.





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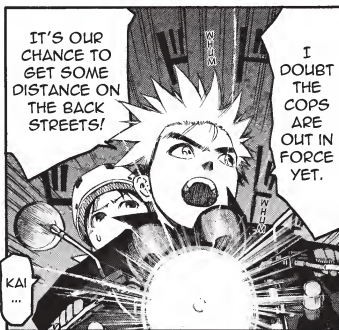
I'M
SORRY
ABOUT
THIS
MORN-
ING...

GRID

UH
...



DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.



IT'S OUR
CHANCE TO
GET SOME
DISTANCE ON
THE BACK
STREETS!

I
DOUBT
THE
COPS
ARE
OUT IN
FORCE
YET.

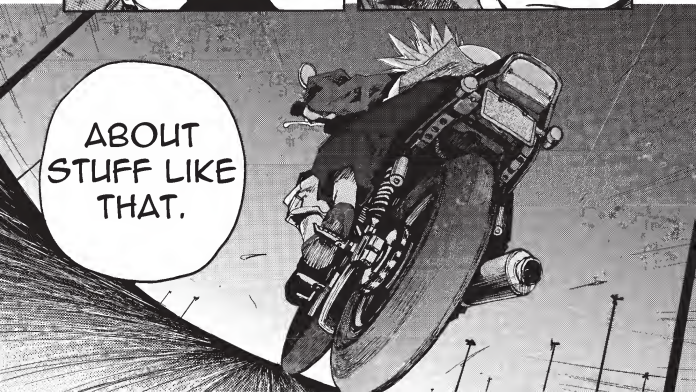
KAI
...



UH...
SO I
GUESS

AND
...

...



WHAT
ARE
DEMI-
HUMANS
?

DEMI-
HUMANS

...

EVERY
NATION
STILL WANTS
TO KNOW
THE TRUTH
BEHIND
THEM.

NO ONE'S
FIGURED
THEM OUT
YET...
WORLD-
WIDE.

NATION...

...

WE MUST
SECURE
KEI NAGAI
AT ANY
COST.

THIS
SITUATION
IS FAR
MORE
SERIOUS
THAN YOU
THINK...

GULP

BEFORE
ANOTHER
NATION
GRABS
HIM.

PUT UP
CHECK-
POINTS!
ON
BACK
STREETS
TOO!

DO
ANY-
THING
IT TAKES
TO GET
HIM!!

DOUBLE...
NO,
TRIPLE
THE
HEAD-
COUNT
!

WHUM

WHUM

Personal information regarding
the suspected demi-human:

亜人とみられる対象の個人情報
この情報は亜人対策

大変に
れた。

KEI
NAGAI

...

...A NEW
DEMI-
HUMAN.

BTT

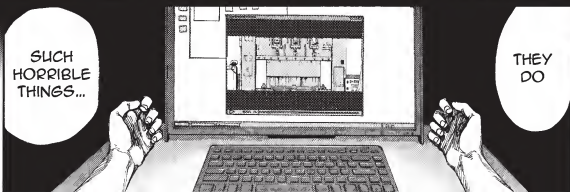
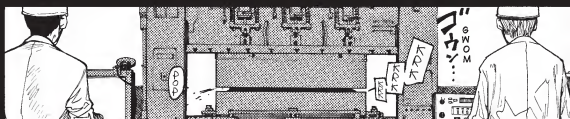
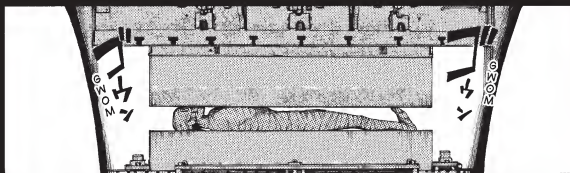
WHUM

WE
CAN'T
LET
YOU
GET
AWAY.

WHUM

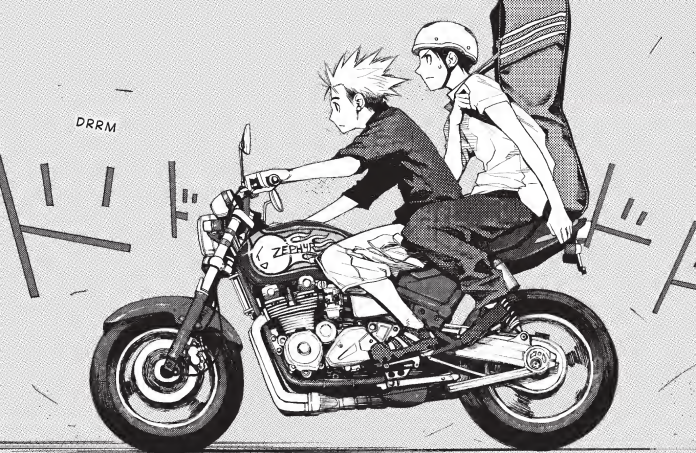


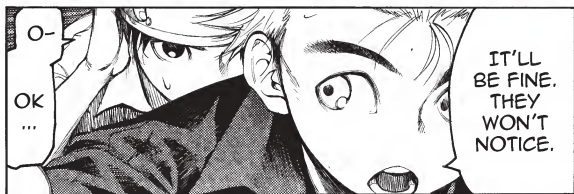
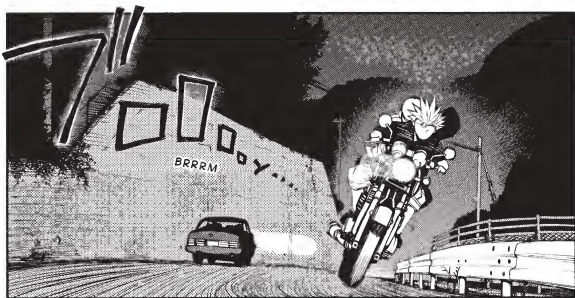






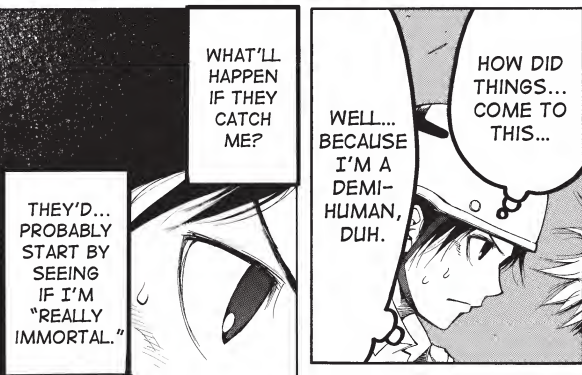
File 02: First Day, Midnight Phenomenon





O-
OK
...

IT'LL
BE FINE.
THEY
WON'T
NOTICE.



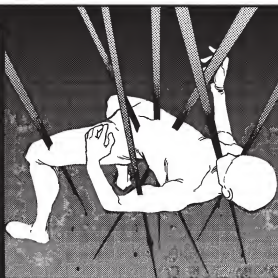
WHAT'LL
HAPPEN
IF THEY
CATCH
ME?

THEY'D...
PROBABLY
START BY
SEEING
IF I'M
"REALLY
IMMORTAL."

WELL...
BECAUSE
I'M A
DEMI-
HUMAN,
DUH.

HOW DID
THINGS...
COME TO
THIS...

NOT
THAT...
ANYTHING
**BUT
THAT
!!**



THEY'LL
KILL ME
OVER
AND
OVER.

FOR A SPLIT
SECOND...
NO, FOR
LONGER
THAN A SPLIT
SECOND...



WHEN
THAT
TRUCK
RAN ME
OVER...

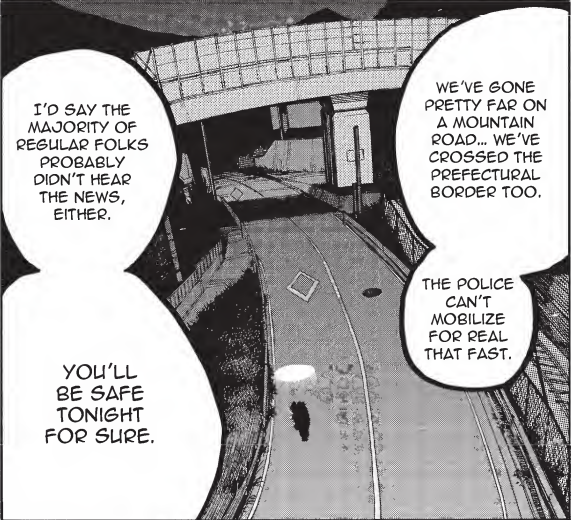
IT
HURT...
**SO
MUCH!**

SHIVER

YOU'RE
SAFE
FOR
NOW.

KEI.

...

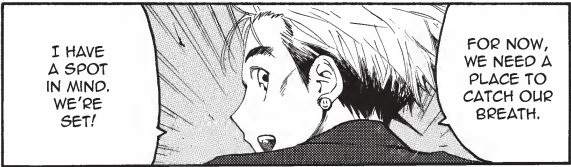


I'D SAY THE
MAJORITY OF
REGULAR FOLKS
PROBABLY
DIDN'T HEAR
THE NEWS,
EITHER.

YOU'LL
BE SAFE
TONIGHT
FOR SURE.

WE'VE GONE
PRETTY FAR ON
A MOUNTAIN
ROAD... WE'VE
CROSSED THE
PREFECTURAL
BORDER TOO.

THE POLICE
CAN'T
MOBILIZE
FOR REAL
THAT FAST.

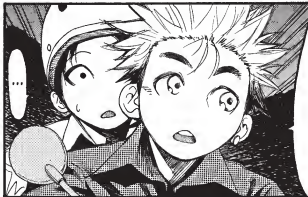


I HAVE
A SPOT
IN MIND.
WE'RE
SET!

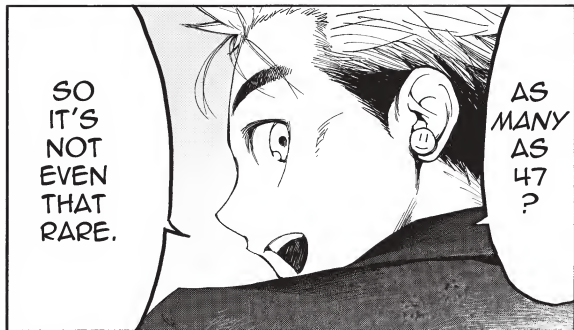
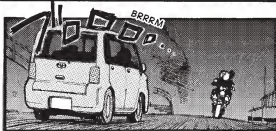
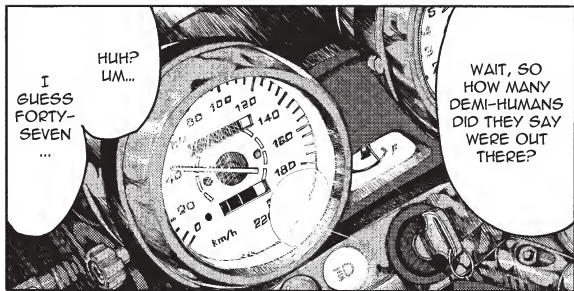
FOR NOW,
WE NEED A
PLACE TO
CATCH OUR
BREATH.



...
OK.



...
WE CAN
START
THINKING
ABOUT
STUFF
ONCE
WE'RE
THERE.





WELL,
GOOD.

TH-
THANKS,
KAI...

I THINK
I FEEL
BETTER.



MAYBE
SOCIETY
HASN'T
GONE TOO
CRAZY OVER
THIS...

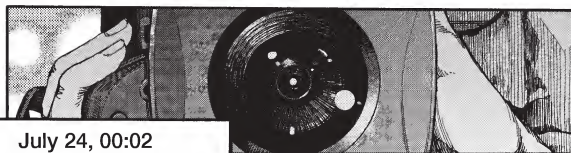
MAYBE
HE'S
RIGHT.

HE'S AS
WEIRD
AS EVER,
BUT...



NO...
I'LL THINK
ABOUT THIS
LATER...

MAYBE I
COULD EVEN
MANAGE TO
GET AWAY?



July 24, 00:02



WE'RE
HERE IN
FRONT OF
THE DEMI-
HUMAN'S
HOME!

MOVE
IT, CAR
COM-
ING
THRU!

HEY,
WATCH
IT!

BUSTLE

BUSTLE

BUSTLE

Nikon



A BIG
UPROAR
HAS COME
TO THIS
LITTLE
TOWN!

A THIRD
DEMI-HUMAN
HAS BEEN
DISCOVERED
IN JAPAN...
AND IS ON
THE RUN!



BUT THERE WERE
ALWAYS SOME
THINGS ABOUT HIM
THAT DIDN'T SEEM
HUMAN...

MAN, I WAS
SHOCKED!
ONE OF MY
CLASSMATES,
A DEMI-
HUMAN...



THAT'S ALL
FROM THE
DEMI-HUMAN'S
HOME.



OUR COVERAGE
WILL CONTINUE
AS WE LEARN
MORE!



GREAT!



WHO'S
THAT
?



THE
POLICE
SAY

THE
DEMI-
HUMAN
MAY HAVE
ALREADY
FLED TO
ANOTHER
PREFEC-
TURE WITH
A HELPER.

WORKING WITH
DEPARTMENTS
FROM OTHER
PREFECTURES,
THEY'LL BEGIN A
FULL-FLEDGED
SEARCH
OPERATION
AT DAWN.



MY NAME IS
NOT TOZAKI.

...YOU'RE
MISTAKEN.

TO-
SA-
KI

IS MY
NAME.

MY
APOLOGIES
...

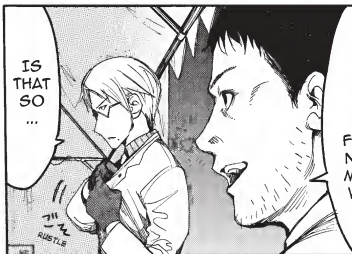
...

THE
METROPOLITAN
POLICE AND
DEPARTMENTS
FROM OTHER
PREFECTURES
AS WELL...
WE'VE PULLED
OUT ALL THE
STOPS.

AS YOU
ADVISED,
WE'VE GREATLY
INCREASED
THE NUMBER OF
PERSONNEL
ON THIS.



IS
THAT
SO
...

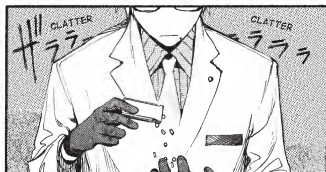


ONCE

IT'S
BRIGHT
OUT,
WE'LL
FIND IT IN
NO TIME,
MARK MY
WORDS.



THAT
MANY?



AH—
THANKS,
I'M FINE.



SST
ス...

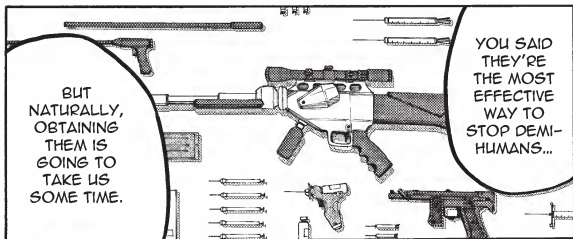


...

NON-
LETHAL
TRAN-
QUILIZ-
ERS!



YOU
ADVISED
US ON
ONE
OTHER
MATTER...



BUT
NATURALLY,
OBTAINING
THEM IS
GOING TO
TAKE US
SOME TIME.

YOU SAID
THEY'RE
THE MOST
EFFECTIVE
WAY TO
STOP DEMI-
HUMANS...



Ummm
...

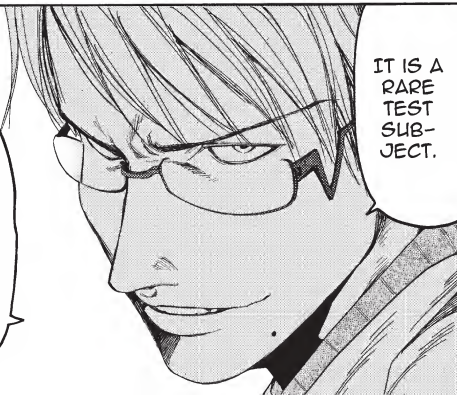
BUT
PERSONALLY,
I'D PREFER
THAT YOU
DO NOT USE
THEM.



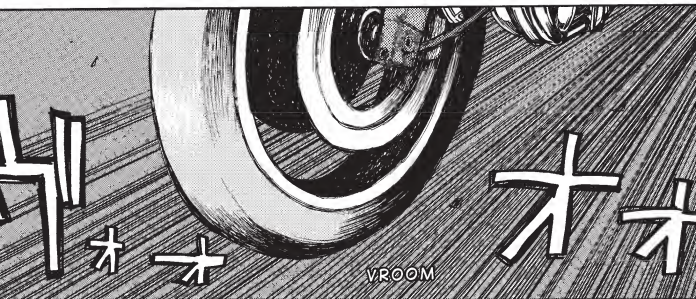
...YES,
THAT IS
WHAT I
ADVISED.

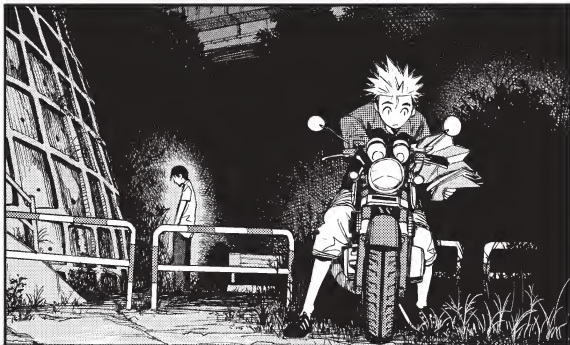


I'D LIKE TO
GET IT IN
THE MOST
NEUTRAL
STATE
POSSIBLE...



IT IS A
RARE
TEST
SUB-
JECT.





AND WHY
WOULDN'T I?
I LIVED A
NORMAL LIFE
UNTIL TODAY...

PSSSHHHH

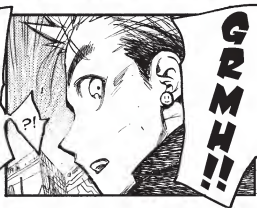
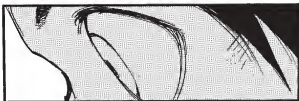
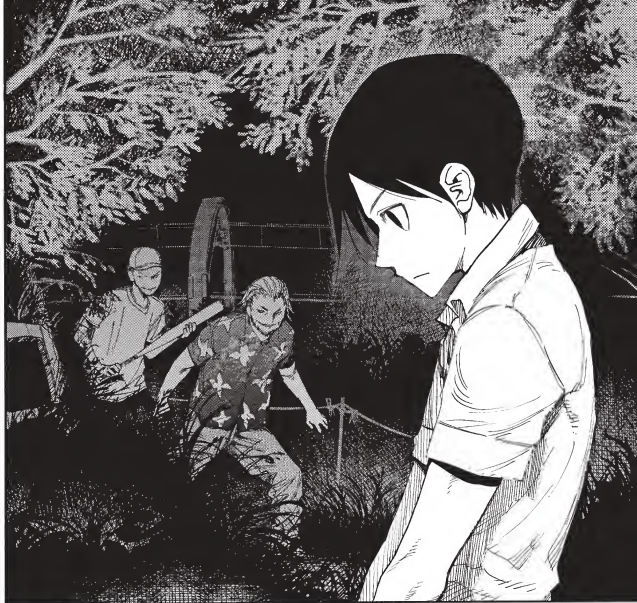
I STILL PEE
NORMALLY...

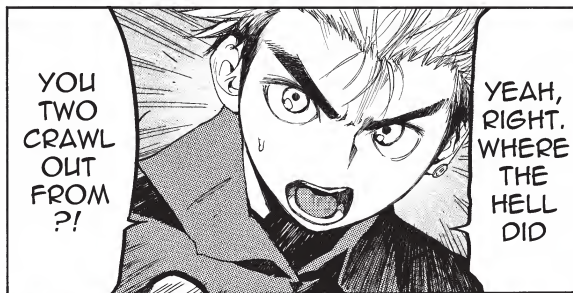
OR
ARE
THEY
BORN
THAT
WAY?

DO DEMI-
HUMANS
ONLY
BECOME
DEMI-HUMAN
AFTER THEY
DIE ONCE?

IF ONLY
THAT TRUCK
HADN'T RUN
ME OVER
THEN...

WAIT
...







I CAN GET
AWAY NOW
THANKS TO
HIM, BUT...



A DEMI-
HUMAN?!
SERIOUSLY
?



I HEAR
YOU'D
GET EVEN
MORE ON
THE BLACK
MARKET!

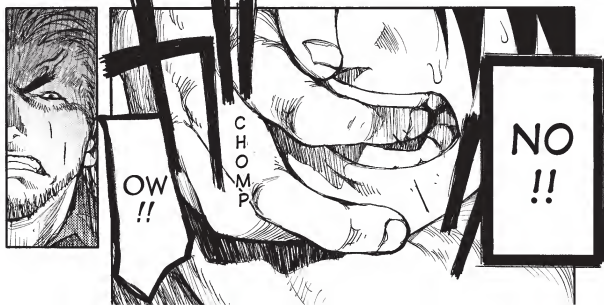
ARE WE
SURE, 100
MILLION?!

GET
LOST,
MAN.



NO...

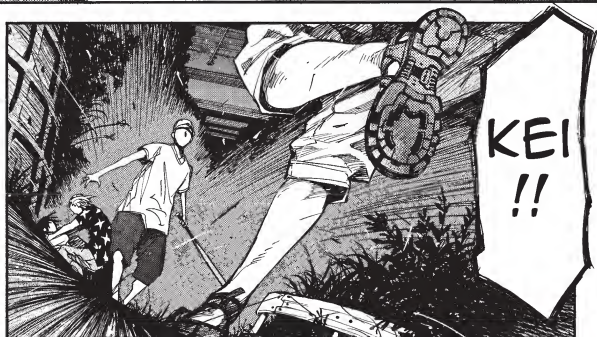
NO...



CHOMP

OW
!!

NO
!!



WHY

...

WHY IS
THIS
HAPPEN-
ING TO
ME?

I NEVER
DID
ANYTHING
WRONG...

TIME TO
FIND OUT!

SO
YOU'RE
IMMOR-
TAL?

ALL OF
YOU...

DIE...

DIE...
YOU...

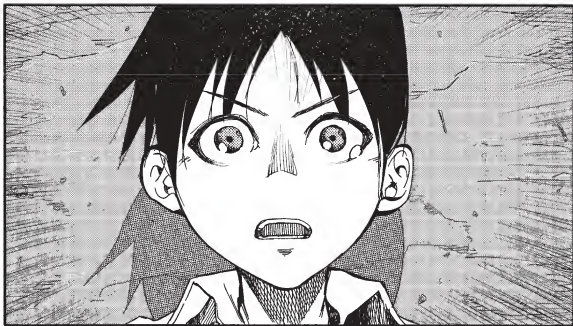




You
want
to
know
why
?



It's be-
cause...



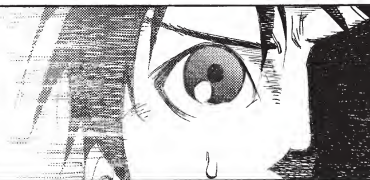
JUST
DIED
ON
US!!

I
THINK
IT

HEY
!



UH-
UH
...



I'M
...

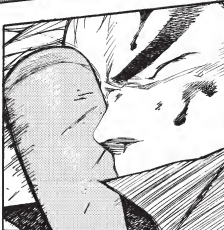






STILL...
A STRANGE
PHENOMENON.

DO WE
KNOW
WHY IT
HAPPENS?



THAT'S
PART OF
ONGOING
RESEARCH
AND

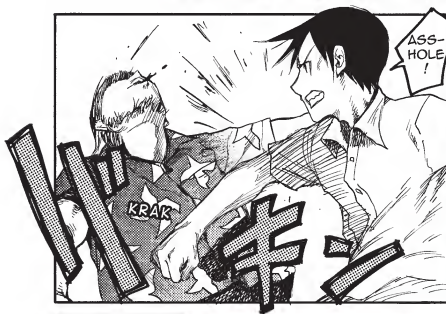
AS SUCH,
I CANNOT
REPLY

AH













MISTER
TOZA—
TOSAKI,

IF YOU
WISH TO
DISCUSS
SOME
POINTS
WITH THE
FAMILY...

IT SEEMS
LIKE THEY'RE
DONE WITH
THEIR
INTERVIEWS.



ONE
QUESTION
BEFORE
YOU LEAVE.

OH,
MISTER
TOSAKI.



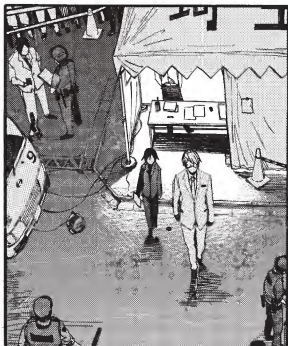
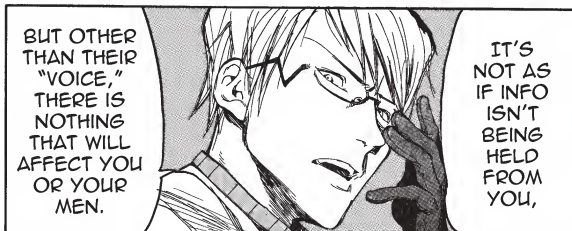
I
DO
...



HIDING
ANY-
THING
ABOUT
THE
DEMI-
HUMANS
FROM
US?

UH...
I HOPE
YOU
AREN'T







WE
AREN'T
HUMANS.



BY
KNOWING
THAT
WELL,

RID YOUR-
SELF OF
NEEDLESS
SENTIMENT

WHEN
WE ARE
ON DUTY,
WE ARE
"OFFICIALS."



IZUMI
SHIMO-
MURA.

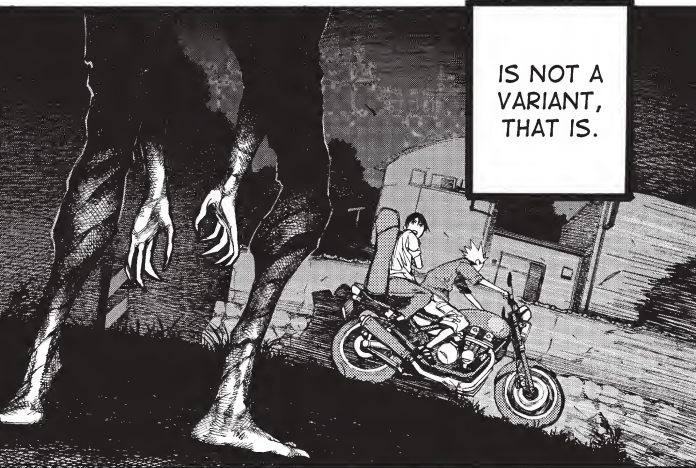


DEMI-
HUMANS
POSE
NO
DANGER
...





AS
LONG
AS
KEI
NAGAI

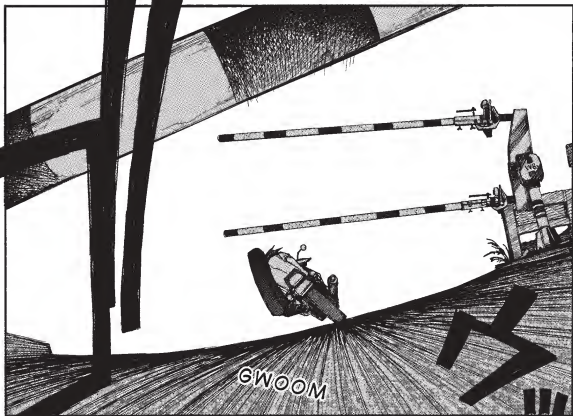


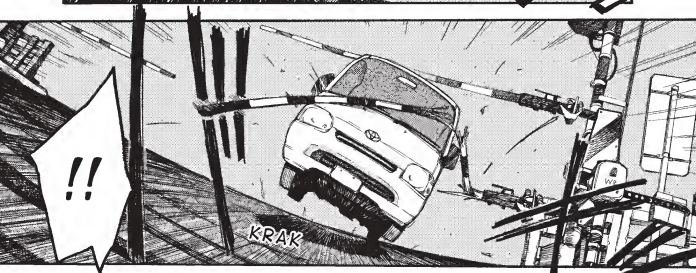
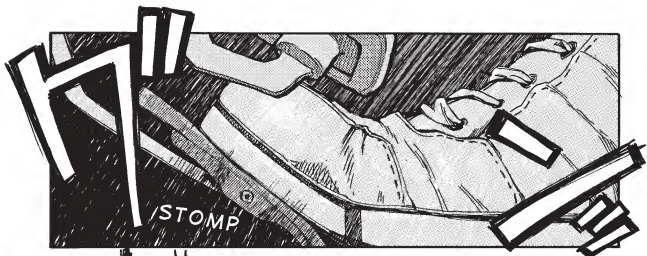
IS NOT A
VARIANT,
THAT IS.



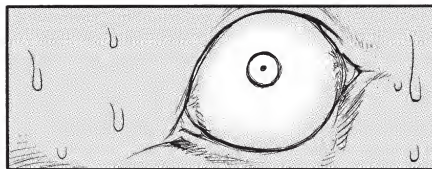
HUNH
?!





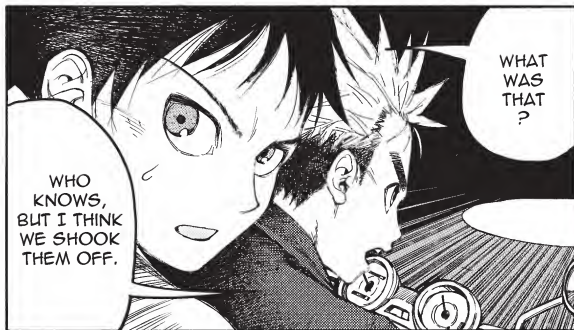
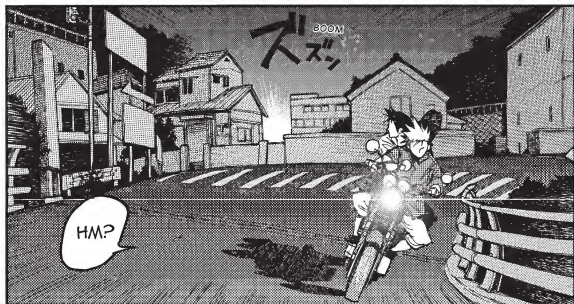






I...
never did
anything
wrong.





AFTER
THAT
FIGHT.

I'M
SURE
NOW

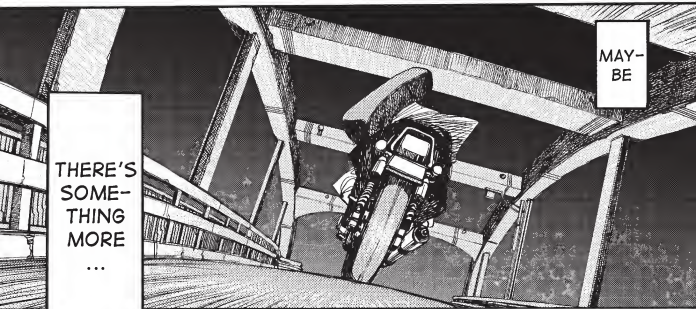
A DEMI-HUMAN'S
VOICE HAS THE
EFFECT OF
IMMOBILIZING
PEOPLE...



WHY WAS I THE
ONLY ONE ABLE TO
MOVE AGAIN
SOON AFTER?

THERE'S
SOME-
THING
MORE
...

MAY-
BE



Wh
...
at
was...
that?

Hm
?

...

TO
DEMI-
HUMANS
?



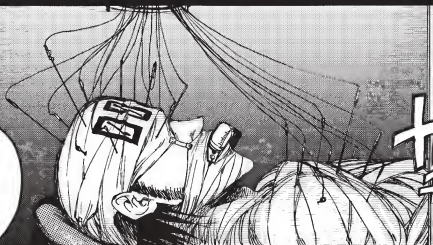
NEED
TO STIR



カ
チ
KLIK

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THE
DRIFT
OF
THINGS.



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チ
KLIK

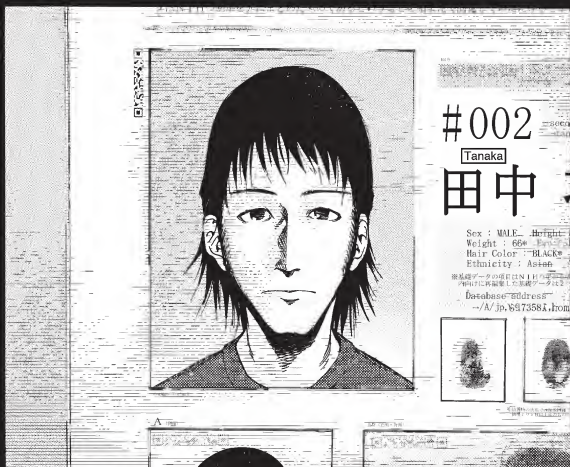


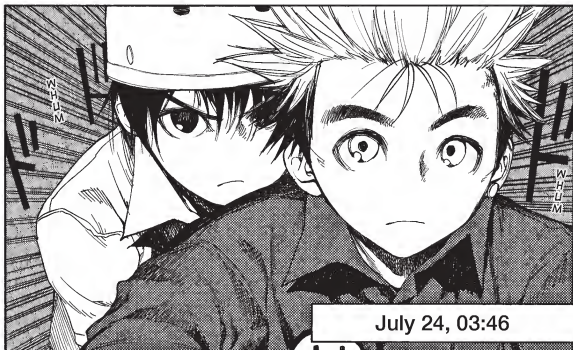
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KLIK



NEED
TO
TEACH

THE
HUMANS.





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UGH
...

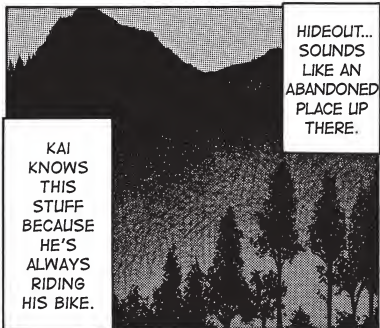
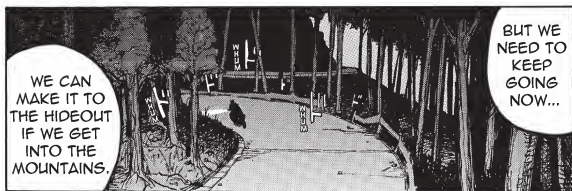
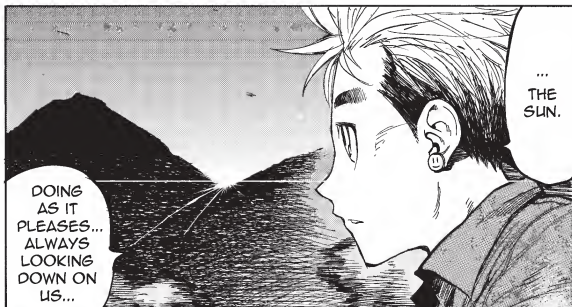


I
HATE
...



IT'S
ALMOST
MORN-
ING...

THE
MEDIA'S
REPORTED
ON MY
APPEAR-
ANCE...
THE SUN
COMING
OUT IS
BAD
NEWS.



FOR
THE
TIME
BEING

...

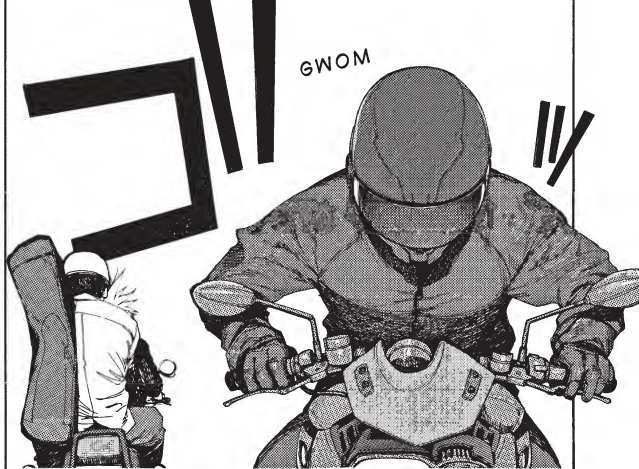
WE SHOULD
BE ABLE TO
CATCH OUR
BREATH

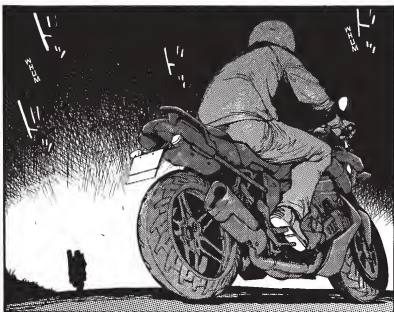
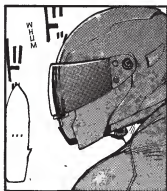
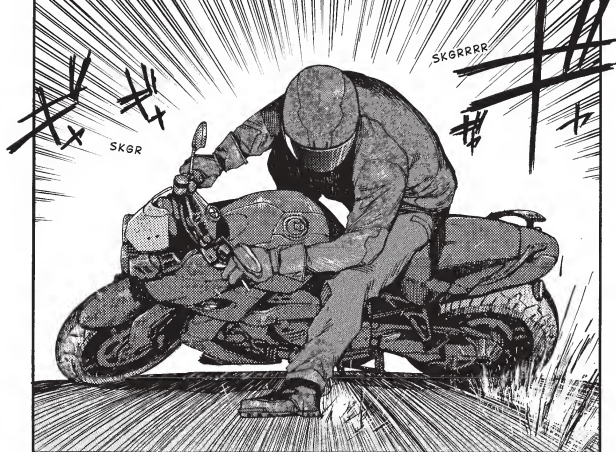
TO JUDGE
FROM
THAT
RUN-IN,
PEOPLE
ACROSS
JAPAN
ARE AFTER
ME...

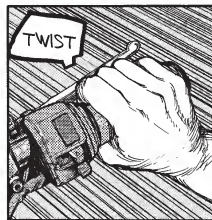
BUT
WHAT
THEN?

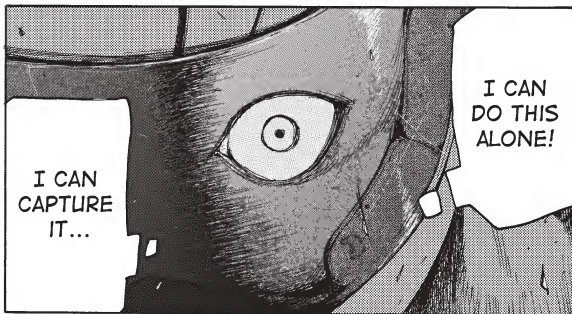
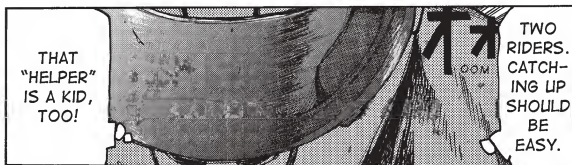
HOW
CAN
I BE
SAFE
?

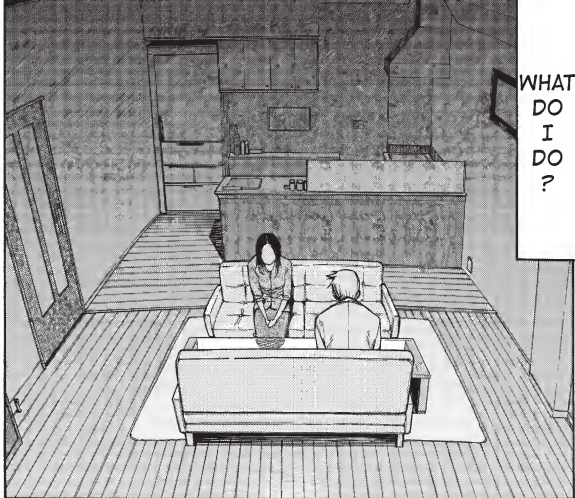
HOW
...









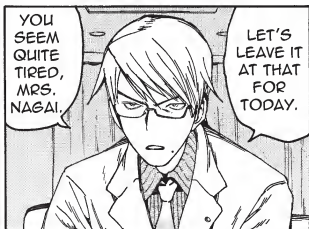


WHAT
DO
I
DO
?



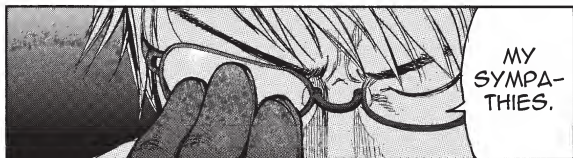
IT'S
JUST...
FINDING
OUT THAT
MY SON...
NO, THAT
KEI NAGAI
WASN'T
HUMAN...

I'M
SORRY
...

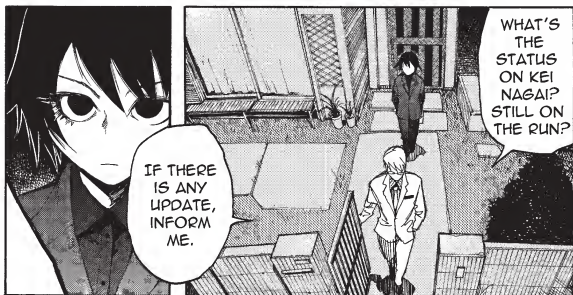


YOU
SEEM
QUITE
TIRED,
MRS.
NAGAI.

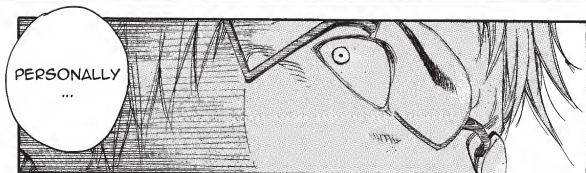
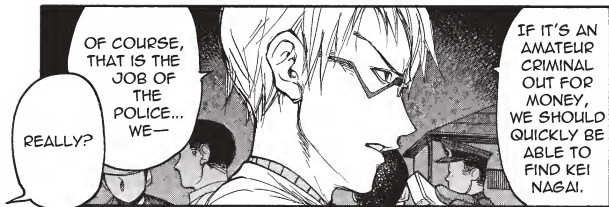
LET'S
LEAVE IT
AT THAT
FOR
TODAY.



MY
SYMPA-
THIES.













EMERGENCY!

REQUEST
DEPLOY-
MENT OF
SPECIAL
SQUAD.

HOWEVER,
ENSURE
CALM AND
PRUDENT
ACTION—

TAP

Individual thought to be
Hat sighted near home
of Kei Nagai.

Options Close

INDIVIDUAL
THOUGHT
TO BE HAT
SIGHTED
NEAR HOME
OF KEI
NAGAI.

TAP

BEEP

WE MUST
ABSOLUTELY
AVOID...THE
NIGHTMARE
SCENARIO.

LET'S
HAVE
BREAK-
FAST.
WE HAVE
TIME
BEFORE
THE NEXT
PERSON.

NM.

MISTER
TOSAKI...



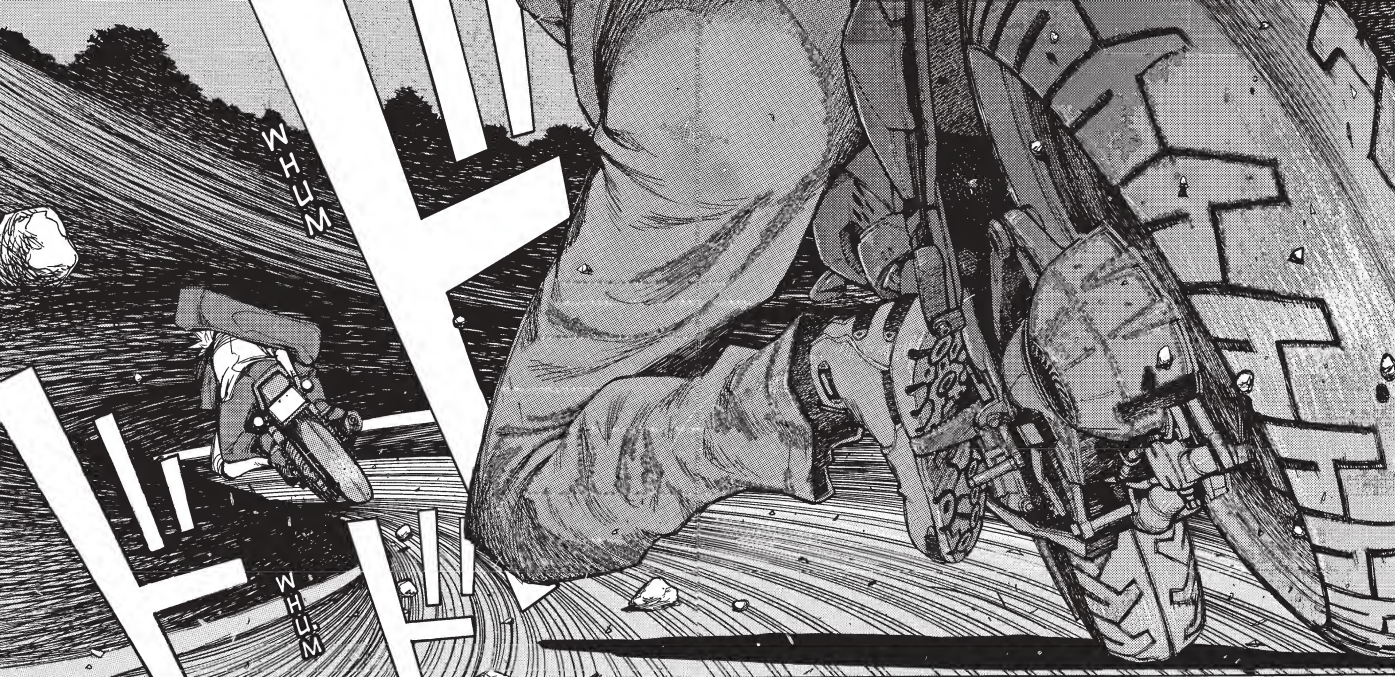
ISN'T
THIS

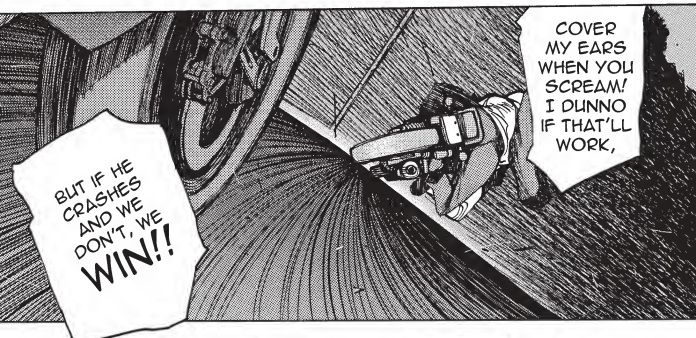
AL-
READY

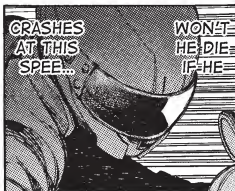
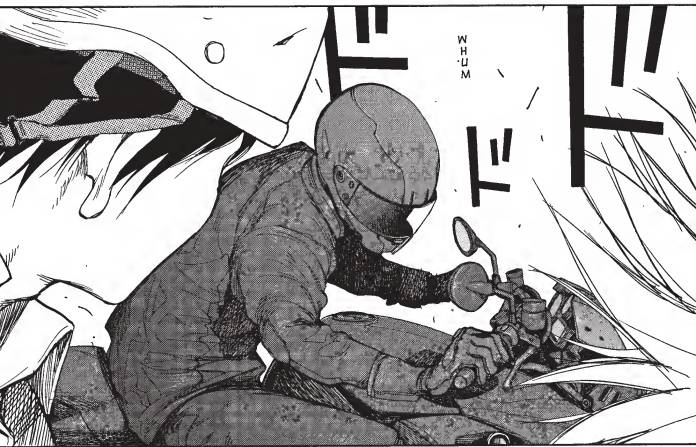
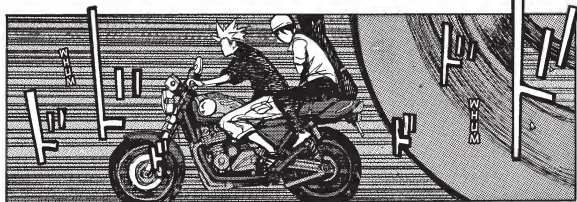
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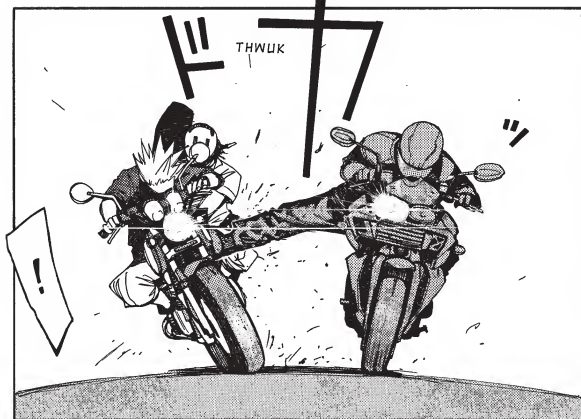
民有地(畑)立入禁止
Private Property
(Crops) No Entry





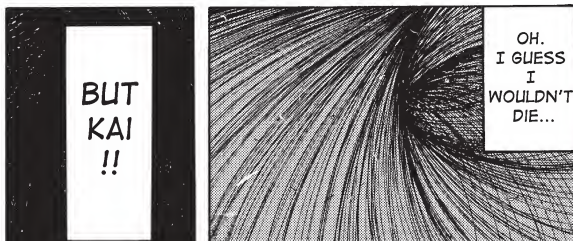






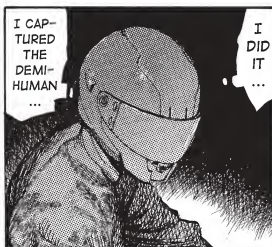
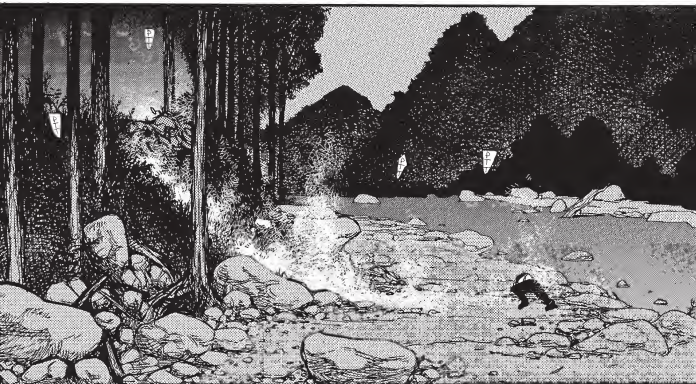
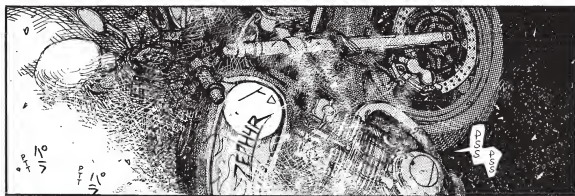
HE
COULD
GET US
KILLED
!!

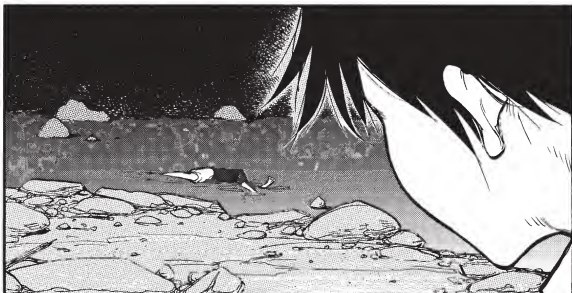
WHAT
THE
...

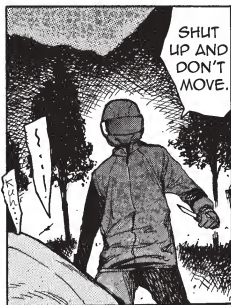


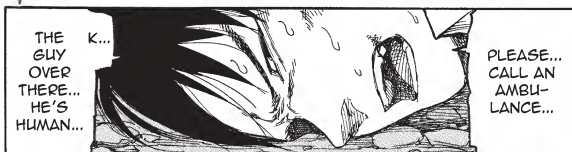
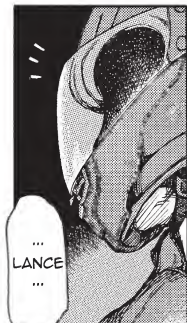
BUT
KAI
!!

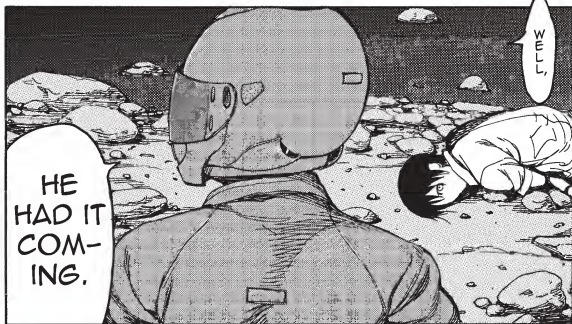
OH.
I GUESS
I
WOULDN'T
DIE...













KAI
WOULD
BE FINE.

IF IT
WASN'T
FOR THIS
GUY...

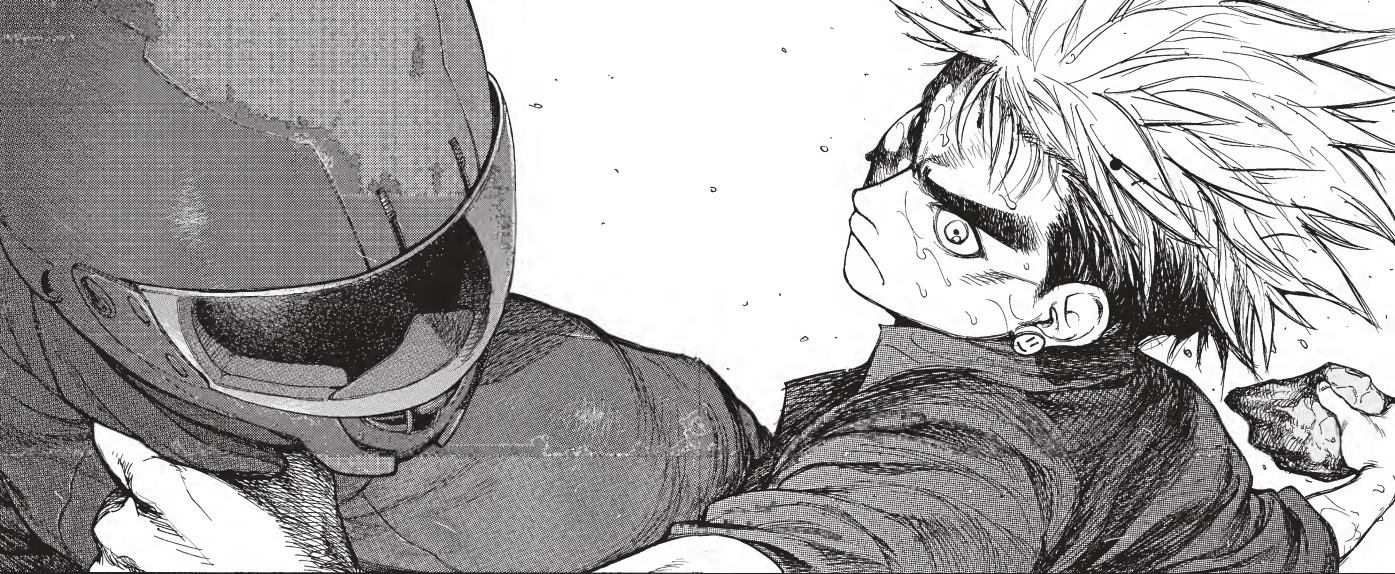


THIS
GUY



THIS
GUY
...

If it
wasn't
for
this
guy







YOU'RE
ALIVE.

KAI
...



GWOK



I WAS
PLAYING
DEAD.

DOESN'T
EVEN
STING.



ALL
RIGHT,
LET'S GET
AWAY ON
HIS BIKE,
KEI.

...
KAI
...



HA
HA
...

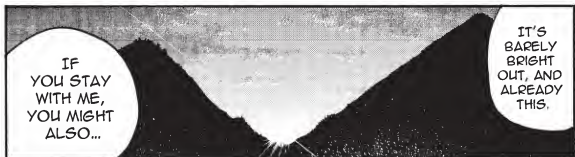


MAYBE
THIS IS
THE END
OF THE
LINE?



MY
LEG'S
BROKEN.

I CAN'T
STAND
UP...
OR I
GUESS
WHAT
I MEAN
IS...



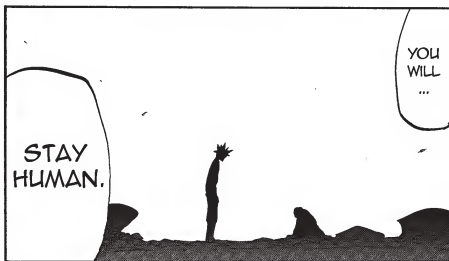
IF
YOU STAY
WITH ME,
YOU MIGHT
ALSO...

IT'S
BARELY
BRIGHT
OUT, AND
ALREADY
THIS.



KEI.

MAYBE
HUMANS
AND DEMI-
HUMANS
JUST CAN'T
HANG
OUT.





I'VE
LEARNED
MY
LESSON
BY
NOW.

I'M
NOT
HUMAN
ANY-
MORE.



WHY
GO
SO
FAR
FOR
ME?

IT'S
FINE,
KAI.

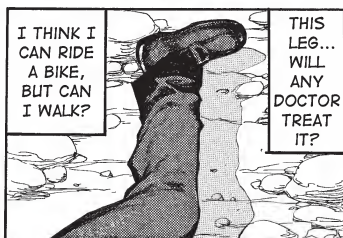
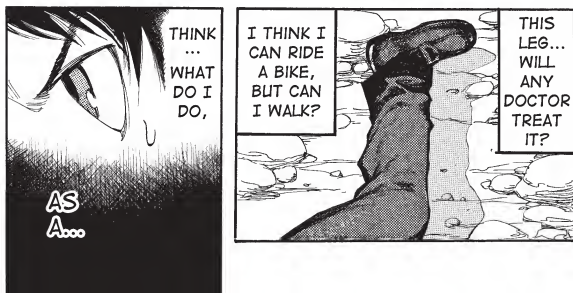
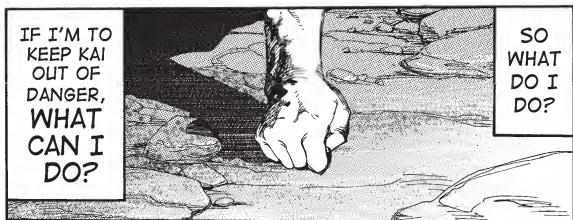


'CAUSE

WE'RE
FRIENDS.



UH-
UH
...

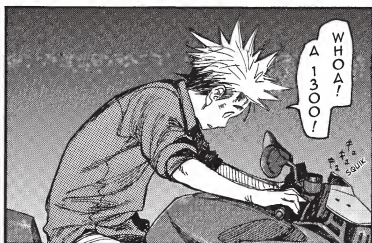
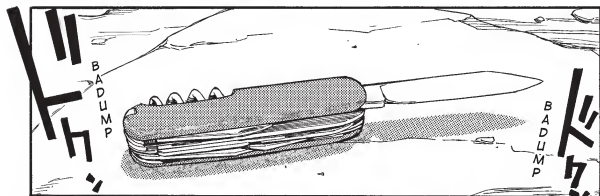


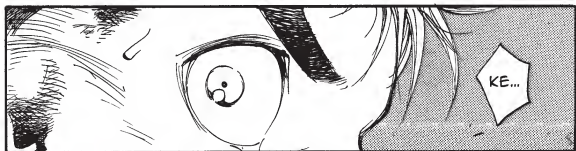
as
a

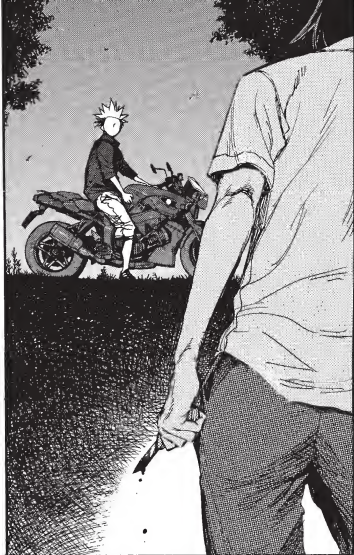
demi-
human—

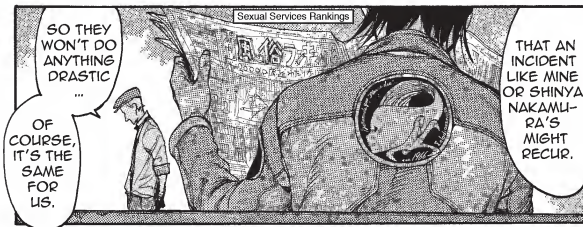
BADMP

7-7











A
PATH...

MUST
BE
SHOWN
TO
HIM.



WILL YOU
HELP ME,



JOINING
UP WITH
KEI NAGAI
WILL BE
THE FIRST
STEP...

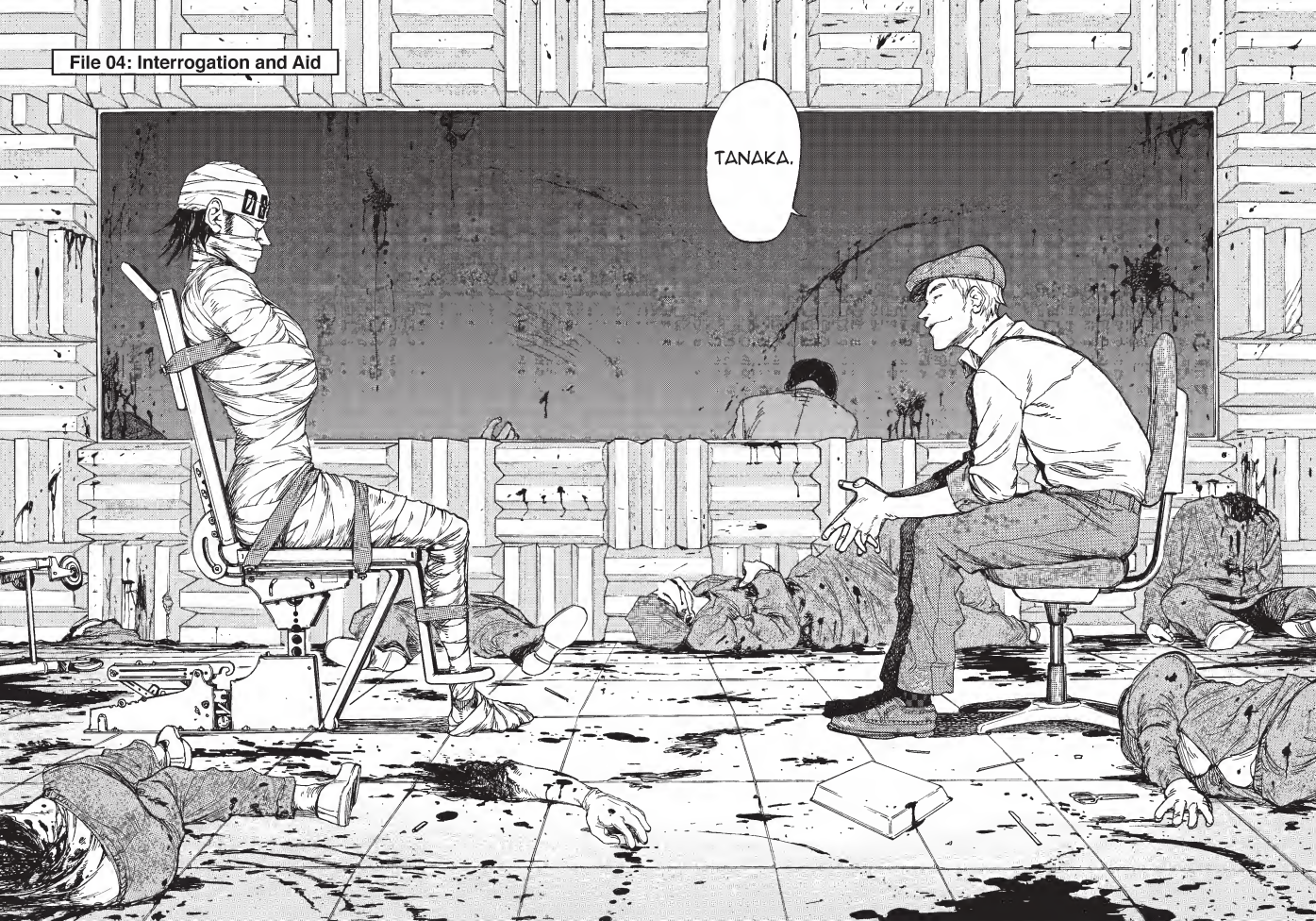
110 FLAP
#14

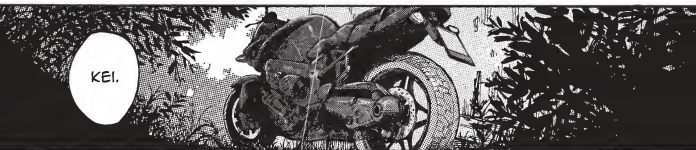
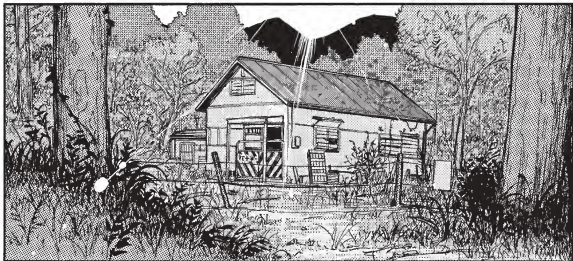


TANAKA
?



TANAKA.





KEI.

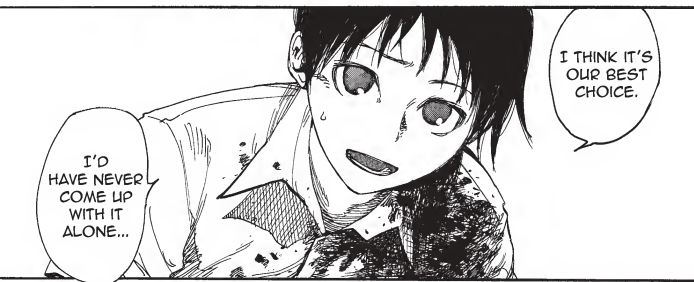


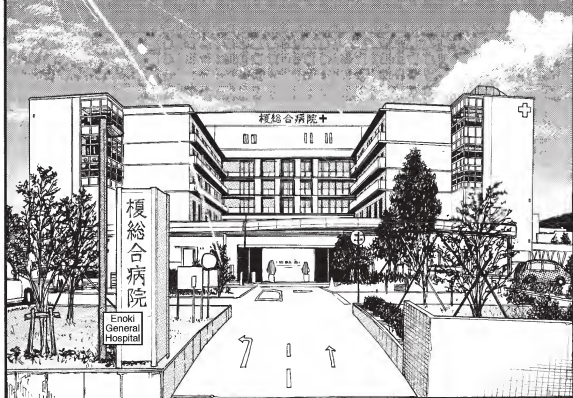
YOU
LISTEN-
ING TO
ME?



HEY,
KEI.







I DON'T
KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT
ANY
HELPER
!!

A DETECTIVE
JUST LEFT...
ANOTHER
ONE?

YOU
THINK
I
CARE
?!

WE ONLY
SEEK TO
RESEARCH
AND
CONTROL
DEMI-
HU—

I'M WITH THE
DEMI-HUMAN
CONTROL
COMMISSION,
NOT THE
POLICE.

WHY DO I
HAVE TO
DEAL WITH
ALL THIS
STUPID...

I JUST
WANT TO
ASK YOU
ABOUT KEI
NAGAI'S
PRIVATE
LIFE.



THAT'S
BECAUSE
YOU ARE
KEI NAGAI'S
YOUNGER
SISTER,

ERIKO.



YUCK.



I AM
SORRY,
WHEN
YOU'RE
TRYING
TO GET
BETTER...





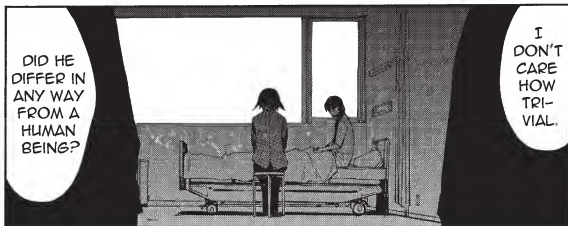
THAT IS WHY
I WANT TO
SHED MORE
LIGHT ON
DEMI-
HUMANS.

I WANT TO
MAKE SURE
THERE ARE
NO MORE
CASES LIKE
YOURS.



WHETHER
THEY'RE
REALLY
NOT
HUMAN.

HOW
THEY'RE
BORN,
WHETHER
THEY'RE
PERFECTLY
IMMORTAL
...



DID HE
DIFFER IN
ANY WAY
FROM A
HUMAN
BEING?

I
DON'T
CARE
HOW
TRI-
VIAL.







?



A
ghost

is
com-
ing.



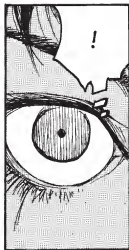
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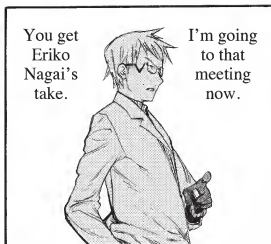


No
...

is
coming
out?







I PLAYED
A LOT
WITH MY
BROTHER...



BACK IN
THOSE
DAYS

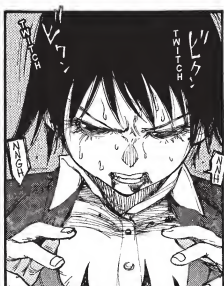
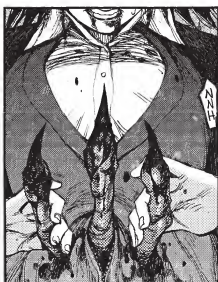
KAI,
TOO.

AND
...

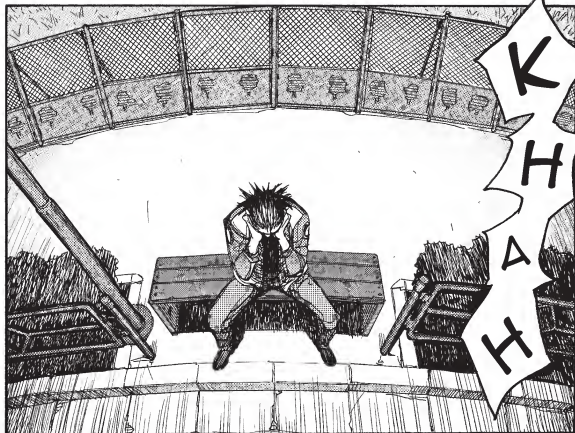
...
OH.

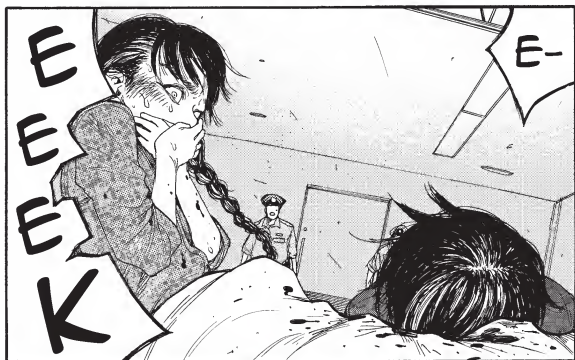






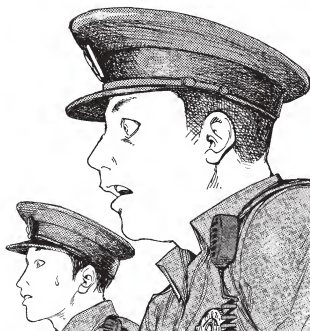








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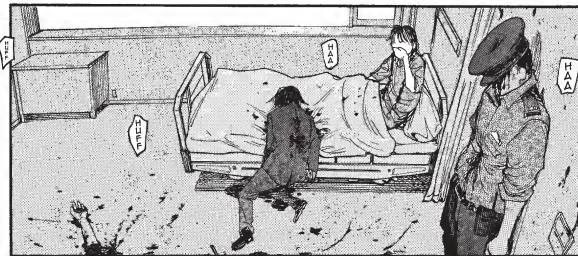
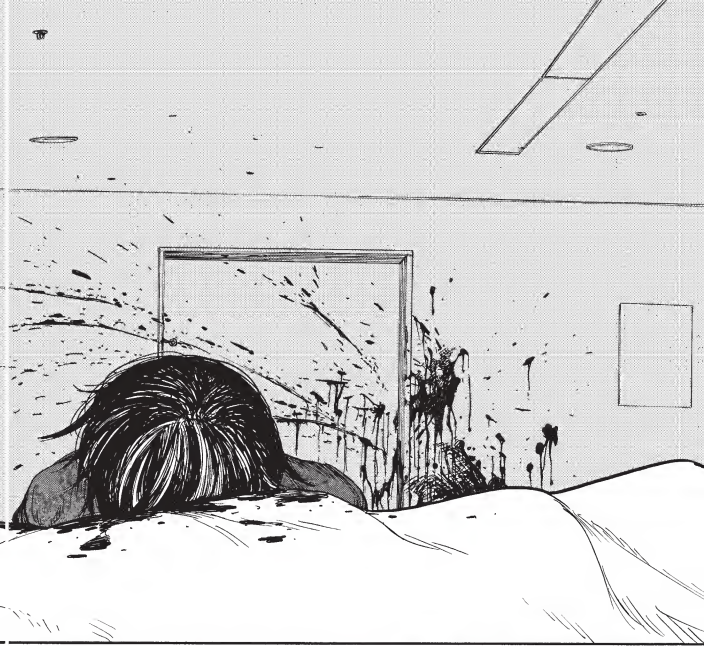




HUH ?



WHOK







WON'T
CARE IF
I'M A
DEMI-
HUMAN,
HUH?



A
TINY
KYUSHU
SETTLE-
MENT...



OH
BUT
...

I GUESS
THERE'S
AN UPSIDE
TO...
DEALING
WITH
HUMANS.



H
U
M
A
N
S
A
F
E
?

I
S
A
N
Y





IF
I KILL
THEM

THEY
CAN'T EVEN
COME BACK
TO LIFE...





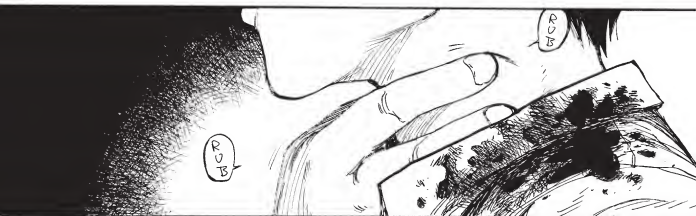
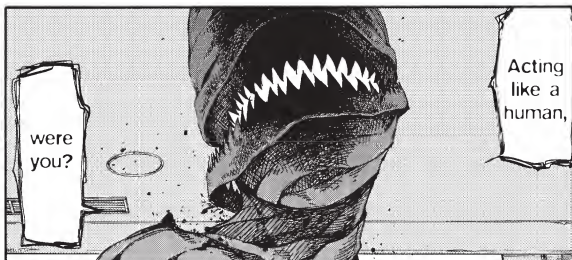
YOU
...

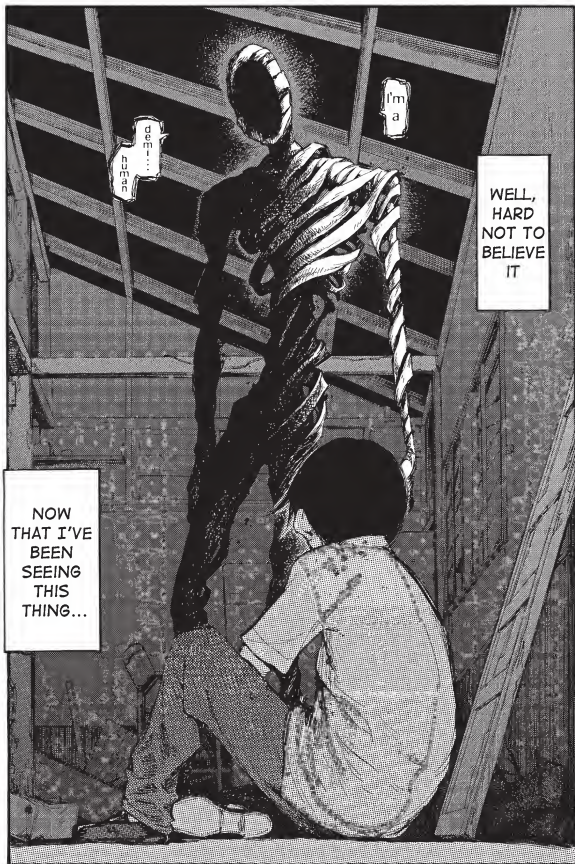
NEED
TO
MOVE.

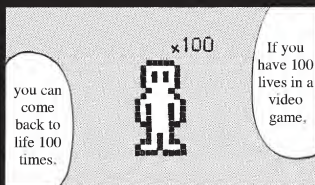
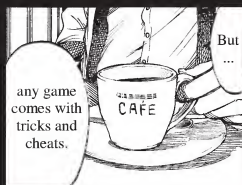
ONEE

ONEE











It's
like
that.

Once you
get the
knack,
it's easy

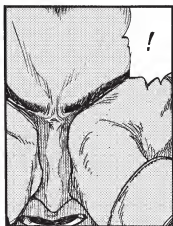
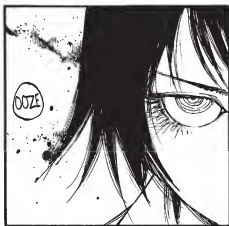
...

a piece
that's too
far away
isn't
recovered
and a new
one is
created...

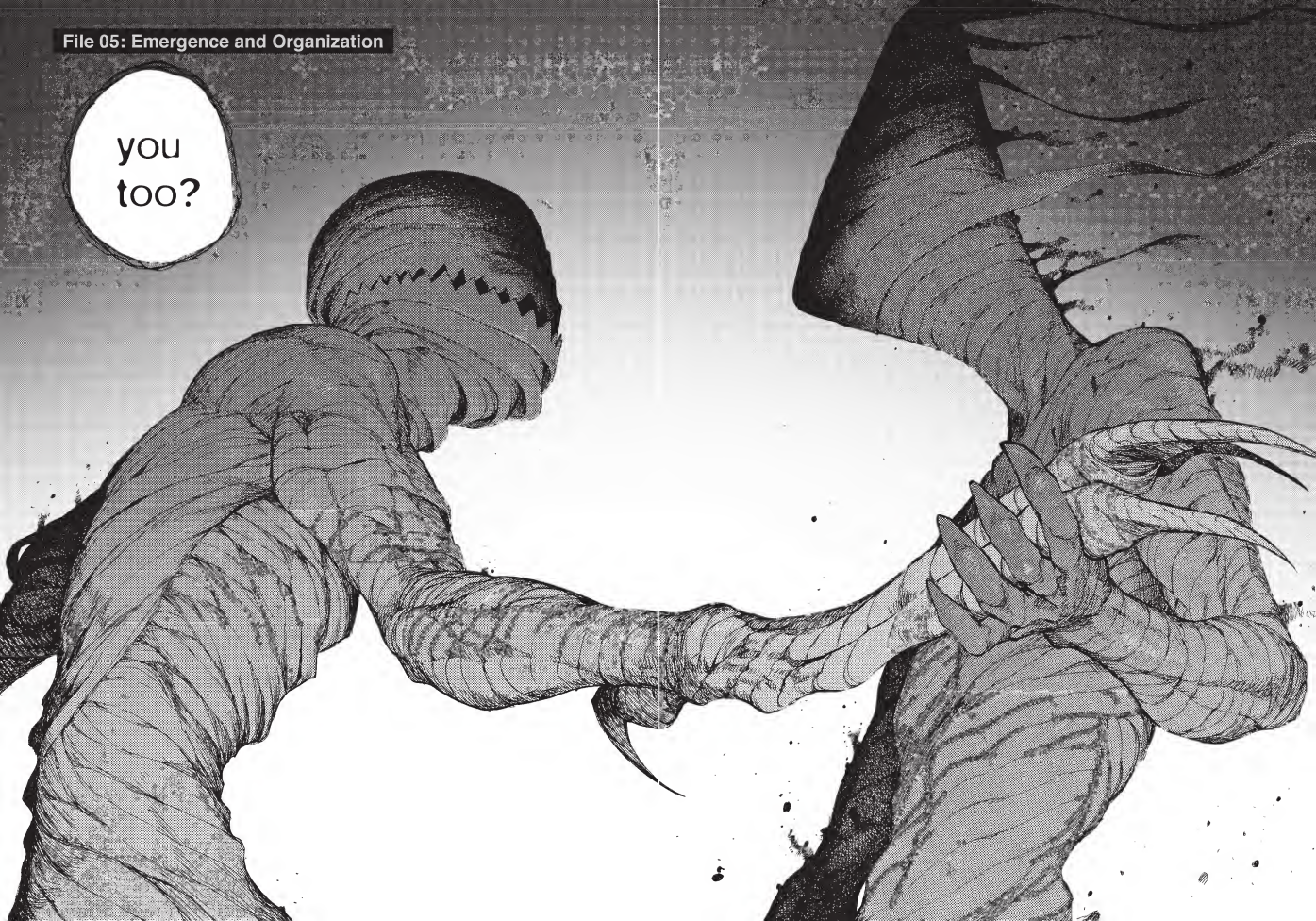
But

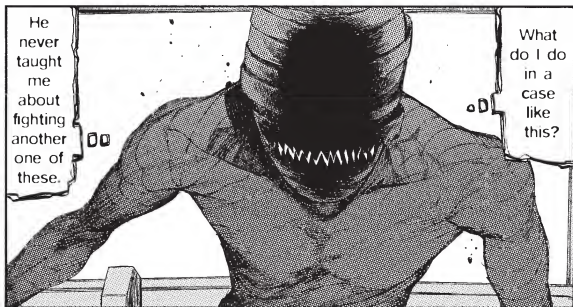
demi-humans
regenerate
by massing
pieces of
ourselves
around a
core chunk.

You
see
...



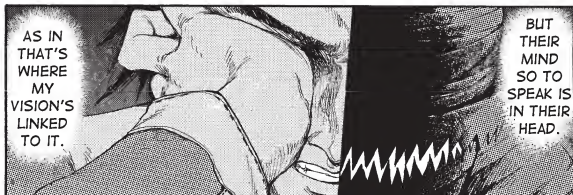
you
too?





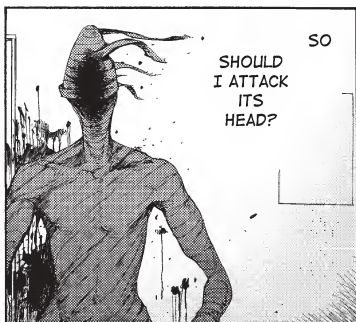
He
never
taught
me
about
fighting
another
one of
these.

What
do I do
in a
case
like
this?



AS IN
THAT'S
WHERE
MY
VISION'S
LINKED
TO IT.

BUT
THEIR
MIND
SO TO
SPEAK IS
IN THEIR
HEAD.

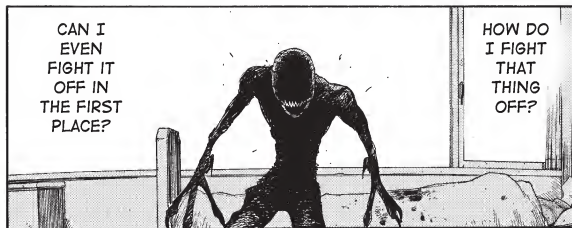


SO
SHOULD
I ATTACK
ITS
HEAD?



NO,
FOCUS.

HOW
LONG HAS
IT BEEN
SINCE I
BROUGHT
BLACKIE
OUT?



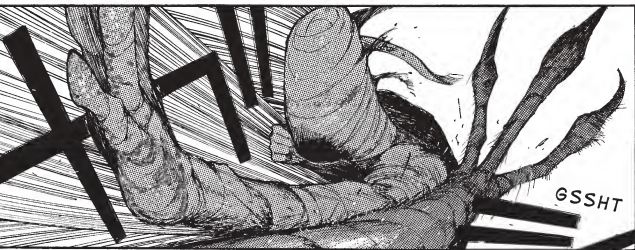
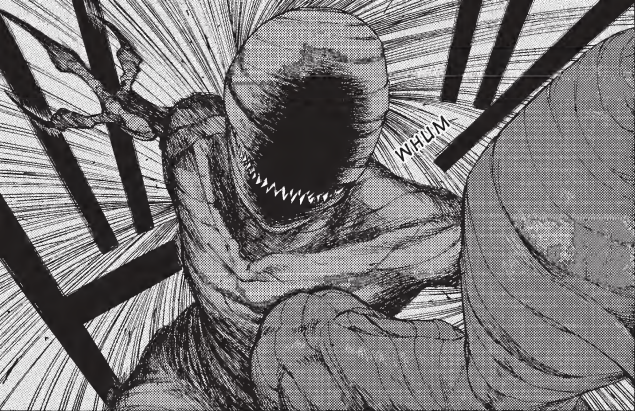
CAN I
EVEN
FIGHT IT
OFF IN
THE FIRST
PLACE?

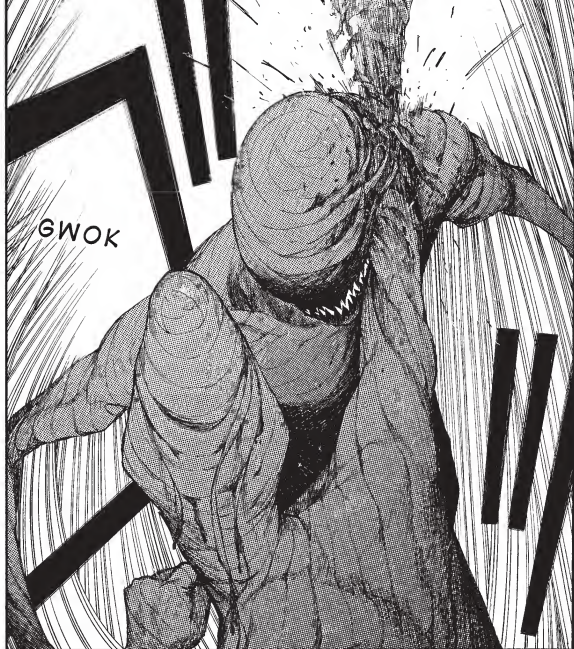
HOW DO
I FIGHT
THAT
THING
OFF?

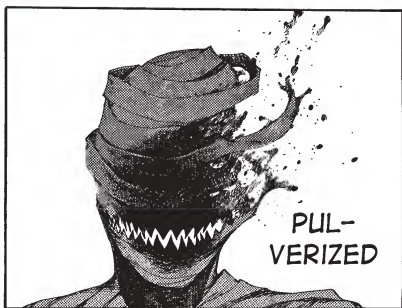
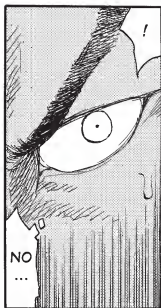
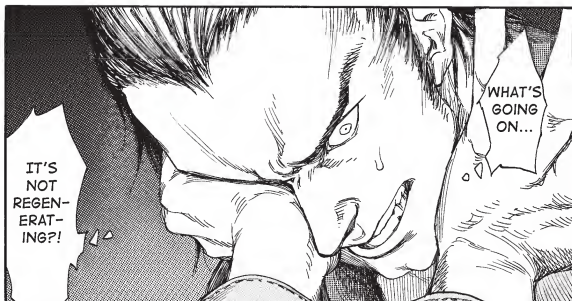


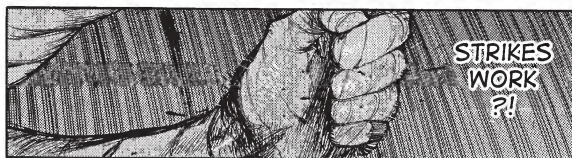
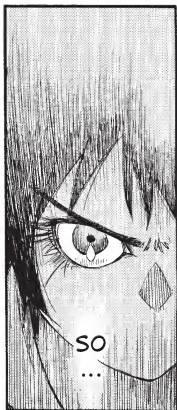
TO THE
EXTENT
THAT IT'S
HUMAN-
SHAPED,
I
SHOULD
AIM FOR
...

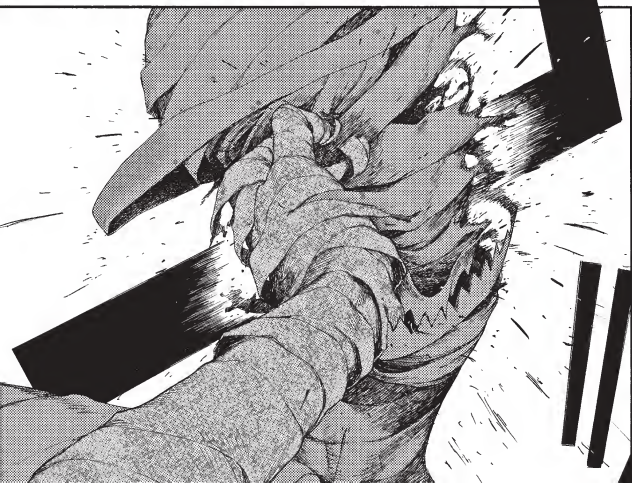


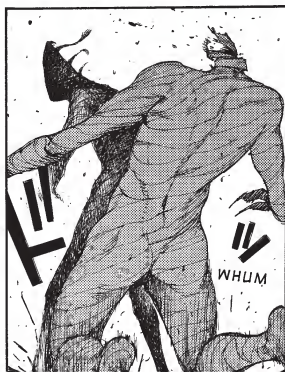
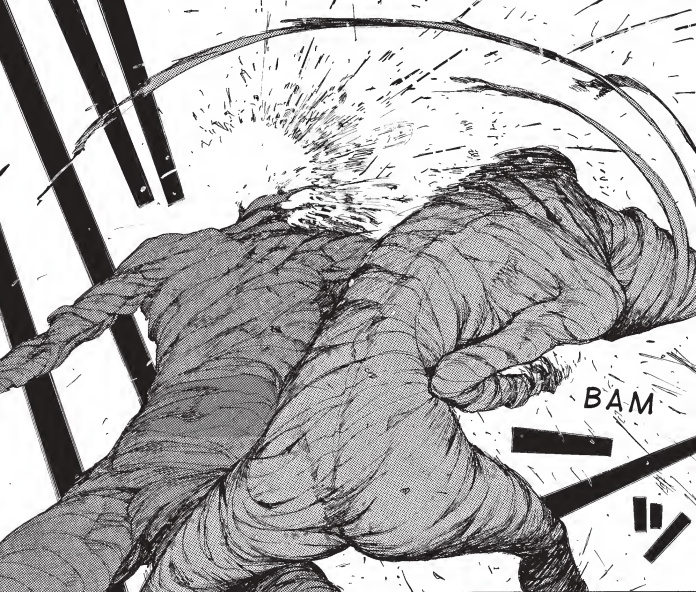


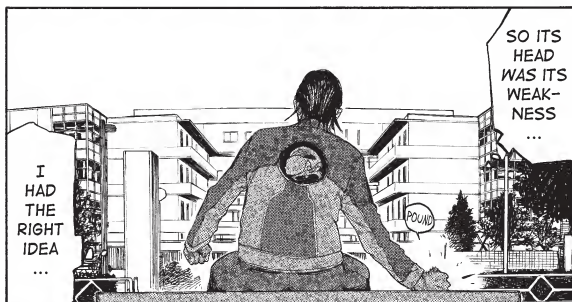


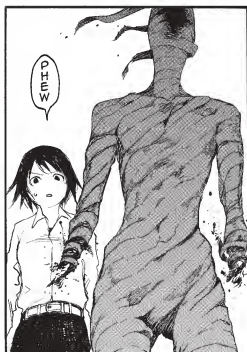


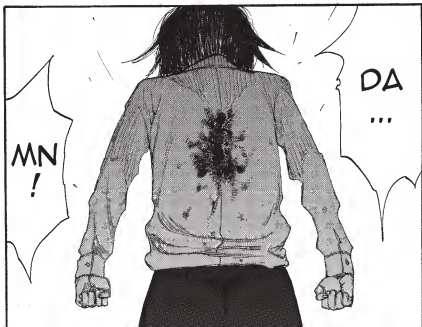
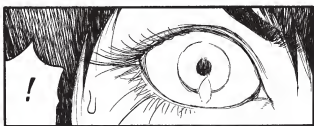
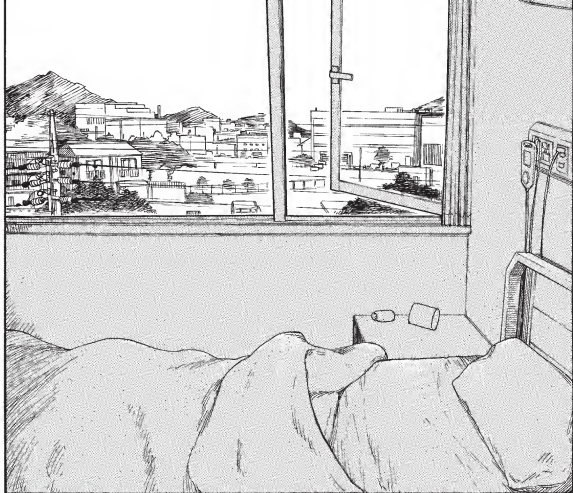












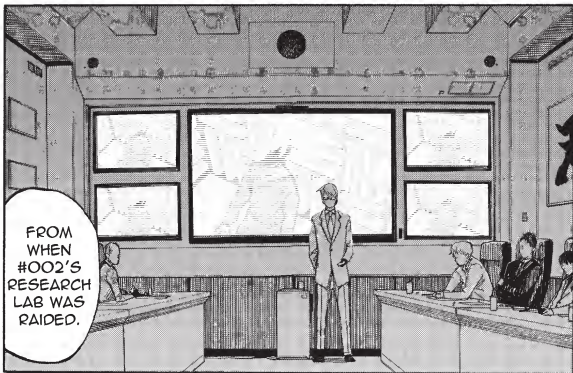
SO
THERE
WAS
ANOTHER
!



THIS
FOOT-
AGE
IS

FROM
A
MONTH
AGO,





FROM
WHEN
#002'S
RESEARCH
LAB WAS
RAIDED.

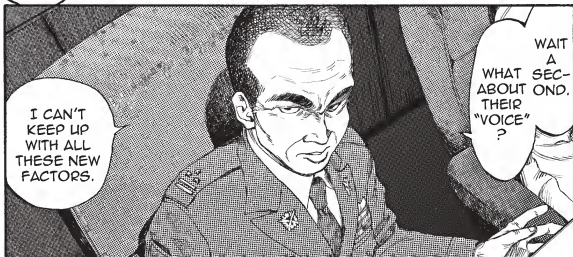


THIS
CASE LED
TO THE
DISCOVER-
Y OF
VARIANTS.

WE ALSO
LEARNED
THAT LAST
YEAR'S SHINYA
NAKAMURA
INCIDENT WAS
DUE TO A
VARIANT.



SO
THIS
IS THE
VARI-
ANTS' POWER
...



I CAN'T
KEEP UP
WITH ALL
THESE NEW
FACTORS.

WAIT
A
SEC-
OND.
THEIR
"VOICE"
?

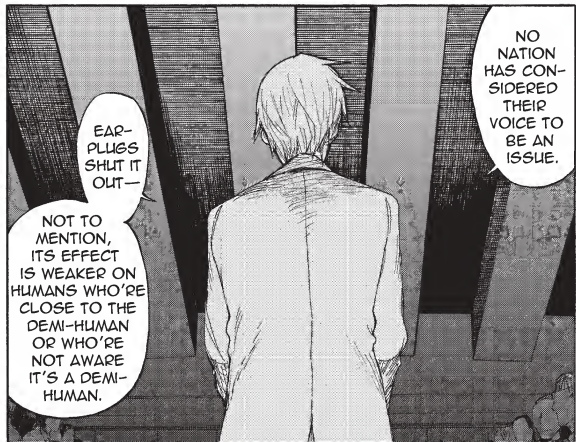


THAT'S BEEN
EXPLAINED AS
AN INSTANCE
OF TONIC
IMMOBILITY.



CHANGES
IN
MUSCLE
TENSION
RENDER
YOU IM-
MOBILE.

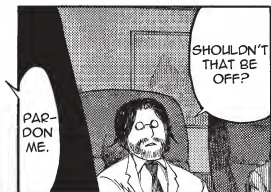
IT'S A
DEFENSIVE
INSTINCT
TRIGGERED
BY A
SUPERIOR
BEING.

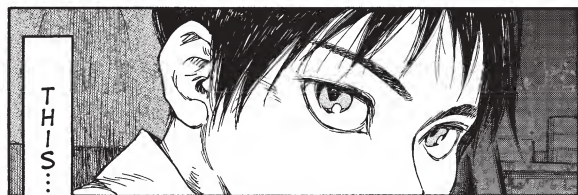


EAR-
PLUGS
SHUT IT
OUT—

NOT TO
MENTION,
ITS EFFECT
IS WEAKER ON
HUMANS WHO'RE
CLOSE TO THE
DEMI-HUMAN
OR WHO'RE
NOT AWARE
IT'S A DEMI-
HUMAN.

NO
NATION
HAS CON-
SIDERED
THEIR
VOICE TO
BE AN
ISSUE.







BUT
MY
MIND
IS
CLEAR
NOW.



WELL,
I DID
SPEND
HALF A
DAY AT
DEATH'S
DOOR.

NO
SUR-
PRISE
IF I
START
SEEING
THINGS.



PONDER
THINGS SO
CALMLY
SINCE I
STARTED
BEING
CHASED.

I'VE
NOT HAD
THE
CHANCE
TO



HOW DO
I GO ABOUT
LIFE WITHOUT
GETTING
CAPTURED?



I NEED TO
DECIDE WHAT
I'M DOING
NEXT...



FIRST,
THE
PLAN
TO GO
TO
KYUSHU
...

IS A
NO GO.
I CAN'T
TRUST
OTHERS.

WE'D
NEVER
GET
THERE.

ALSO,
IT'S
ALMOST
1000 KM
AWAY.
MORE
WITH
DE-
TOURS.

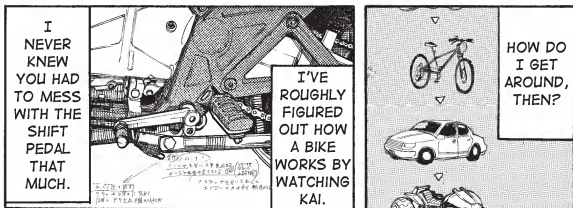
FOR A
HUMAN.

IT'S
TOO
RISKY



NINE
LIVES
WOULDN'T
BE ENOUGH
FOR HIM.

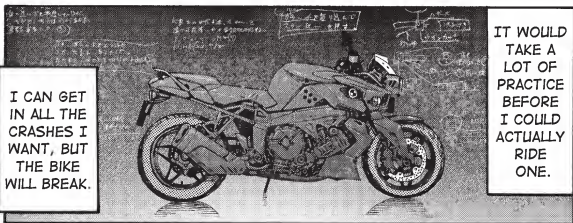
THIS IS
AS FAR
AS KAI
GOES.



I
NEVER
KNEW
YOU HAD
TO MESS
WITH THE
SHIFT
PEDAL
THAT
MUCH.

I'VE
ROUGHLY
FIGURED
OUT HOW
A BIKE
WORKS BY
WATCHING
KAI.

HOW DO
I GET
AROUND,
THEN?

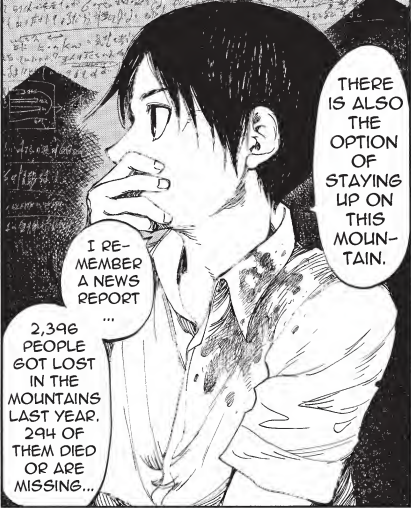


I CAN GET
IN ALL THE
CRASHES I
WANT, BUT
THE BIKE
WILL BREAK.

IT WOULD
TAKE A
LOT OF
PRACTICE
BEFORE
I COULD
ACTUALLY
RIDE
ONE.



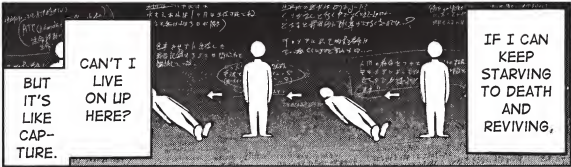
I MIGHT
NOT BE
DISCOVERED
IF I WENT
DEEPER.



THERE
IS ALSO
THE
OPTION
OF
STAYING
UP ON
THIS
MOUNTAIN.

I RE-
MEMBER
A NEWS
REPORT

...
2,396
PEOPLE
GOT LOST
IN THE
MOUNTAINS
LAST YEAR.
294 OF
THEM DIED
OR ARE
MISSING...



BUT
IT'S
LIKE
CAP-
TURE.

CAN'T I
LIVE
ON UP
HERE?

IF I CAN
KEEP
STARVING
TO DEATH
AND
REVIVING,

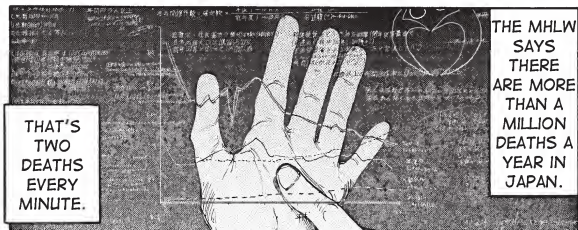


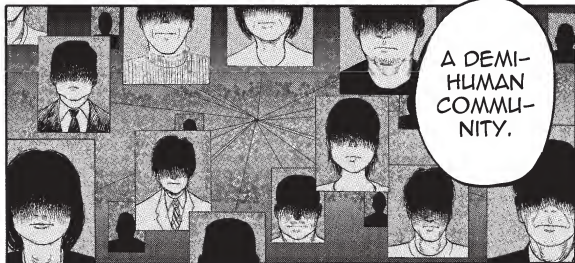
Three
demi-
humans
in...
Japan.



DO
ALONE.

THAT'S
THE
BEST
I CAN





I CAN LEARN
HOW AND
WHERE
TO LIVE
UNDETECTED
BY HUMANS.

IF I
CONTACT
THEM,
I'M
SURE









IF
THERE IS
A DEMI-
HUMAN
COMMU-
NITY,

THE
MEANS OF
CONTACT
HAS TO
BE THE
INTERNET.



AT
NIGHT, FIND
SOMEWHERE
WITH PHONE
SERVICE AND
LOOK FOR
TRACES OF
DEMI-HUMANS
ONLINE. MY
PLAN FOR NOW.

HIDE UP
HERE
DURING
THE DAY.



EVEN SUI-
CIDAL
SORTS
GATHER
THERE.



THAT'S
WHY I
NEEDED
KAI'S.

I CAN'T
TURN
MY CELL
ON.





BUT

THERE'S
AN EVEN
BIGGER
REASON
I
NEED
KAI'S
CELL.

ZAKK

THE
OTHER
PATH,
NAMELY
...

THOSE
DEMI-
HUMANS
MUST BE
LOOKING
FOR ME,
TOO.

AND
EVEN-
TUALLY

THEY'LL
FIND A
CERTAIN
PERSON.



THE ONE
HUMAN
WHO
KNOWS
ABOUT
MY
TIES
WITH
KAI.

MY
LITTLE
SISTER
!



I NEED TO
DETERMINE
WHO IT IS.

BUT THE
POLICE
ARE IN
THE SAME
PLACE.

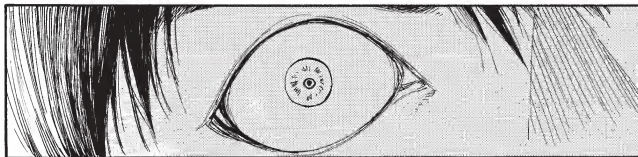


SORRY,
I CAN'T
GET THE
PHONE
NOW.
LEAVE A
MESSAGE
AFTER THE
BEEP.

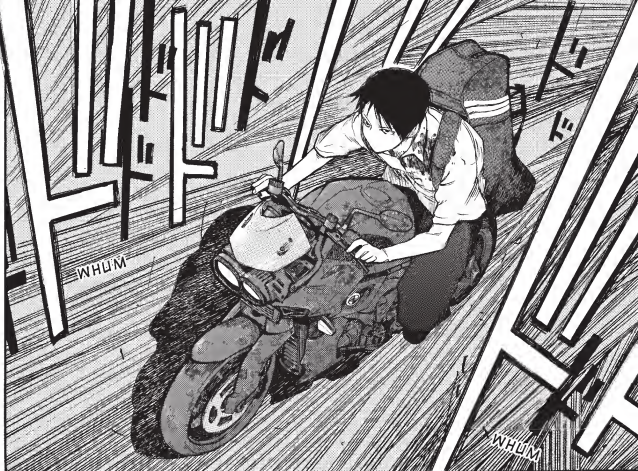
OR A
HU-
MAN
?

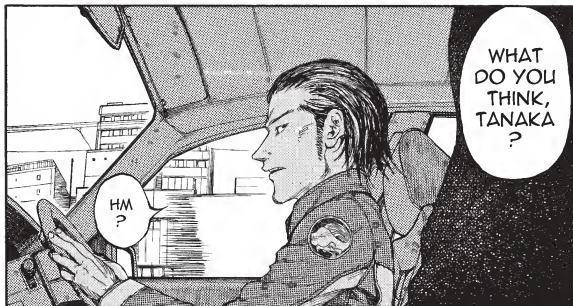
IS
THIS
FROM
A
DEMI-
HUMAN











HM
?

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK,
TANAKA
?



BUT
IT'S
ONLY
BEEN
HALF A
DAY...



SO I
HAVE
HIGH
HOPES,

HE'S BEEN
ABLE TO
UNCON-
SCIOUSLY
BRING ONE
OUT SINCE
HE WAS
LITTLE



EH
?



HAVE
YET TO
ASSESS
HIM,

WE





BUT



WITH
SOMEONE
THEY'D
BETTER
NOT,

IF THEY
GET
ROUGH
...



I
WILL
...



KILL
THEM.

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